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LABOUR CONVENTION.

WHAT THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS HAVE DONE.

BETTER CONDITIONS ASSURED.

LONDON, January 27.

The twelve months in which the Governments are required to carry out their obligations under the Washington Labour Conference ending on January 27, 1921 expired to-day. The International Labour Office issues an account of the state of the legislation in this connection in the various countries, which shows that Canada referred the Convention's recommendations to the provincial authorities and that the Federal Parliament is considering the matter at the next session. In France the bill as regards the employment of women before and after childbirth was passed by the Chamber of Deputies. The remaining recommendations of the Convention are being examined by the Chamber of Deputies' Labour commission. In Germany the Federal Cabinet is examining legislative measures in this connection. In Britain bills have been passed as regards juvenile employment and women's night work. The Government intends to legislate for an eight-hour day. In India the Convention's recommendations were examined by the Government and proposals are shortly being submitted to the Legislative Council. In Japan bills have been prepared. It is expected that all the Convention's recommendations will be ratified within the next six months. In South Africa the principle of hours recommended by the Convention was accepted by the Government and a bill prepared. Australia is not mentioned.

SOVIET RUSSIA.

NO CONDITIONS ADMITTED FOR FOREIGN SUPPORT.

INTERNAL POLICY INVOLVED.

LONDON, January 27.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, on behalf of the Labour Party, wrote to M. Krassin on December 19 specifying a series of severe disciplinary measures by the Soviet authorities against persons who gave the British Labour delegation information during the delegation's visit to Russia, in spite of previous assurances to the contrary. Mr. Henderson invited the observations of the Soviet Government on the matter. M. Krassin replied on December 28 admitting Mr. Henderson's charges but denying that the treatment could be associated with the British delegation's visit. He points out that the Soviet never disguised its so-called unconstitutional methods in its struggle against a counter-revolution, but the Soviet refuses absolutely to entertain any attempts to exercise influence on its internal policy or give any undertaking as to the condition of foreign support.

EX-KAISER SUMMONED.

REQUIRED AS WITNESS IN DUTCH LIBEL ACTION.

NEWSPAPER'S ALLEGATIONS.

AMSTERDAM, January 27.

The *Rotterdamsche Nieuwsblad* is summoning the ex-Kaiser as a witness in a libel action brought against the paper by a German resident named Reibermann who it is alleged has been using a visiting card inscribed "Steward and Private Secretary to His Majesty William II at the Chateau Doorn," and offering the sale of pictures and furniture belonging to the ex-Kaiser.

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

LABOUR CONFERENCE POSTPONES DIRECT ACTION THREAT.

LONDON, January 27.

The National Labour Conference today postponed until February 23 the decision to take direct action if the Government did not accept its unemployment proposals.

[The draft proposals of the Labour Committee include a universal 44-hour week. State unemployment benefit for married men of £2 weekly and for single men 25s. a week, with additional allowances for children, the total rejection of the 'short time' proposals, an increase in the school age to 16 years, a system of international credits, and the resumption of commerce with Russia and Central Europe.]

COLONIAL OFFICE.

COLONEL AMERY NOT AVERSE TO SERVING UNDER MR. CHURCHILL.

LONDON, January 27.

Reuter learns that Lord Milner, continues at the Colonial Office till the end of the second week in February. Meanwhile Mr. Winston Churchill remains at the War Office to which no appointment is likely to be made till Mr. Lloyd George returns from Paris. A suggestion in a morning paper that Colonel Amery is not desirous of serving under Mr. Churchill at the Colonial Office is discredited in well-informed quarters.

BANK RATE.

EXPECTED REDUCTION FAILS TO MATERIALISE.

LONDON, January 27.

Expectations of a reduction in the bank rate have not been realised and no change has occurred.

CAPITAL SHIP CONTROVERSY.

EXPERT REPORT TO BE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, January 27.

The controversy in the British press regarding the disputed utility of capital ships has repercussions in the United States. The Navy Secretary, Mr. Daniels, has instructed the drawing up of an expert report upon the comparative values of capital ships, aircraft and submarines. The New York papers express the opinion that the report should be considered before Congress authorises further building of capital ships.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2 3/4 11.16
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SEAMEN'S EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

LONDON, January 27th.

In a letter to the Times with regard to the suggestion now being considered at the Brussels Conference of fixing seamen an eight-hour day, Lord Inchcape in most searching terms attacks Trade Union dictation, and declares that the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. may be forced next season to terminate her passenger services at a Continental port, in order to escape from the Maritime Wages Board's oppression.

MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, January 27th.

It is officially announced that the conditions in Mesopotamia have greatly improved. All the revolting tribes have submitted to the British garrison and surrendered large numbers of arms. Nearly the whole country is now quiescent. In view of the improved situation it will be possible to send away the Indian divisions which reinforced the garrison at the beginning of August. Such progress has already been made with expectation that it is expected that the whole of the additional troops will be withdrawn by the end of March. It is even possible by then that the garrison itself may be substantially reduced.

FIRE IN SMELTING WORKS.

MELBOURNE, January 27th.

It is estimated that a quarter of a million pounds damage has been done by a fire at the Port Pirie smelting works. Six hundred workers are idle. The works have been closed indefinitely. The fire may entail cessation of operations at the Broken Hill mines.

WELSH RAILWAY DISASTER.

LONDON, January 27th.

A man who missed his own compartment by getting in into a rear coach was found at the scene of the disaster in a demented condition, exclaiming: "My wife," "My wife," "My wife is there killed in the train."

The cause of the smash is being investigated. A slow local usually waits at the loopline at Abernethy station to allow the express to pass. Yesterday the former for some unknown reason was allowed to continue. It was proceeding up an incline when the express rounded the bend at thirty miles an hour. The driver of the express did not see the local, owing to a curve, until within a hundred yards. Then he whistled and jammed on the brakes. The fireman jumped on one side and fell in a hedge. The driver jumped on the other side and fell in a hollow: the carriages turned over upon him; but the fireman rescued him.

LATER.
The details of the terrible disaster in North Wales are coming in slowly. At the scene of the collision the confusion is indescribable; the tangled heap of wreckage stretches for 150 yards; the engines are piled up upon each other, and two front coaches of the express lie on their sides with a coach of the local train crushed beneath. It was necessary to chop up three coaches to extricate the dead and the injured.

Eye-witnesses say that the impact as the engines crashed was terrific. One third class coach through coach to Paddington of the express was rolled to marshwood and all but one of the passengers in it was killed. Lord Vane Tempest had both his legs amputated in the inferno before he died. The disaster includes two Harrovian returning to school.

INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE.

PARIS, January 27th.

This morning the conference was not held but a number of private conversations took place. The view is generally held that the British delegation will be able to depart on Sunday. The utmost secrecy continues with regard to the progress of the conference. It is thought unlikely, unless some new scheme is evolved, that anything very definite respecting reparations will be decided.

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WHEN KAISERS MEET.**INTERESTING DISCLOSURES.****WILHELM AND FRANZ JOSEF.**

BERLIN Saturday.

Field-Marshal Margutti brings to a close in the new number of the *Deutsche Revue* some interesting reminiscences of the personal relationships of Kaisers Franz Josef and Wilhelm II. It was Field-Marshal Margutti who drafted the telegram of condolence to be sent by the Austrian monarch to Potsdam on the occasion of the death of the Empress Frederick. The message in its original form was "fairly long and in terms of the deepest sympathy," but Franz Josef rejected it with the words: "No, no, that won't do. You must surely know that Kaiser Wilhelm, unfortunately, was not on good terms with his mother, and that there was almost enmity between them. It is very deplorable, but true. It is too bad that the German Kaiser, with his self-sacrificing and boundless love for his family, which I can never admire enough, and on account of which I envy him, should have quarrelled in this way with his mother of all persons. But, much as it grieves me, account must be taken of that. Here, therefore, few words, and none of the references otherwise usual in such cases."

The Field-marshal was present at the Austrian manoeuvres at Gross Meseritsch, in 1909, which were the occasion of a meeting of the two Kaisers, and relates the following incident:

A joint meal in the Court dining tent had been fixed for the late afternoon, but an ample hot lunch was provided by the Court kitchen on the field for Kaiser Wilhelm and his suite. This arrangement was not at all to the liking of Kaiser Franz Josef, who, when with his troops, always chose to appear as a Sovereign and soldier without thoughts for himself, and it unfortunately contributed to aggravate his ill-humour. The two Kaisers met long together when suddenly several yards of the Court kitchen appeared in the neighbourhood and began to unpack. The tent was pitched, and in this a small and well-spread table was arranged. As soon as Kaiser Franz Josef noticed this he took leave very hurriedly of Kaiser Wilhelm, and rode away with his Staff, of which I was a member. Once out of hearing, the old Kaiser, contrary to his usage, said to us quite freely: "Let's get away from here. This banquet is no place for us." And away we went at a gallop over stubble and ploughed fields.

In 1910 Kaiser Wilhelm made his "shining armour" speech in the Vienna Rathaus, and the whole city was delighted. With the exception, however, of Franz Josef, who, some

months later, in Margutti's presence, made the following remarks:

"If only the German Kaiser would not let his temper run away with him! He is of course, just like myself, solely and singly concerned for the maintenance of peace; but I see a danger in this ostentatious emphasising of the sharpness of the German sword. Where people are not well disposed to us—and that is almost everywhere—it may only too easily be misunderstood or deliberately given a false interpretation. All Europe to-day is like a barrel of powder. Caution is the word, and even unintentional sparks should not be allowed to fly about. They might set fire to something, and as the most inopportune moment."

Margutti was not himself present at the last meeting of the two Kaisers at Schoenbrunn, in November, 1915, but prints the following account of it given to him at the time by Count Paar:

I have known Kaiser Wilhelm long; but this time he was not the same man. "He was no longer in his element." It seemed to me—perhaps I was wrong, but I can't help it—that all his animated talk, his occasional jollity, and his confident demeanour were only put on, and probably designed to conceal his anxiously brooding, not to say melancholy mood. Both Kaisers made upon me—this had never been so before—the impression of a certain embarrassment in their mutual intercourse. That was, naturally, for both had always and ever desired only the maintenance of peace and, undeterred by all collateral circumstances, had supported it every time, and now they met with a feeling of the most terrible bankruptcy of all their honest endeavours in the middle of a cruel world war, the most frightful that the world has ever seen, and perhaps with a tormenting consciousness of having possibly, though against their will, been the tragical authors of this European conflagration. Only so can I explain the uneasiness in the conversation of the two Kaisers with one another, which only gradually yielded to the old air of confidence. If I have not entirely deceived myself, the Kaiser Wilhelm is by no means confident in his cause. He sees considerable dangers in the future.

It should be added that for the rest Field-Marshal Margutti takes the purely conventional Court view of the characters of both monarchs.

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AUSTRALIAN LABOUR.**WORKERS' MINIMUM WAGE.****PROPOSED INCREASES.**

The Australian Government has decided to pay its federal employees a minimum of four guineas, pending a final decision on the Basic Wage Commission's report. Mr. Hughes indicated that the proposed increases would not be paid to all workers, as this would involve an intolerable burden on industry.

A differentiation (reports the *Daily Telegraph*) would probably be made between married and single workers, as the Commission's report was based on a family of three children. The average number of children to all adult workers was less than one, and if the new rates were given indiscriminately industry would pay for 450,000 non-existent wives and 2,000,000 non-existent children.

If the proposed wages were paid generally prices would be forced up again, causing further increased wages estimated at over 23 next year. This vicious circle would ruin many industries, and create widespread unemployment. Mr. Fiddington, the chairman of the Basic Wage Commission, suggested a scheme for a minimum wage of £4, plus 12s for each child, and Mr. Hughes indicated that he was favourably disposed towards this idea.

BOLSHEVISM IN HARBIN.**OLD SCORE REVIVED.****STRICT CHINESE REGULATIONS.**

The Chinese authorities have put into effect very strict regulations governing passage across the Manchurian frontiers, in order to prevent the invasion of the Bolshevik influence, which is fast pressing on the frontiers. This is reported in a Harbin special dispatch to the *Yamato*.

It is further reported that the Chinese Eastern Railway Company at the New Year general conference passed a resolution not to accept Russian coins at any point throughout the whole line of the railway.

In Harbin, there have been frequent fires, due to incendiarism. The spirit of unrest prevails all over the town and the incendiary efforts are attributed to the Bolshevik elements that are suspected of having found their way already into the place.

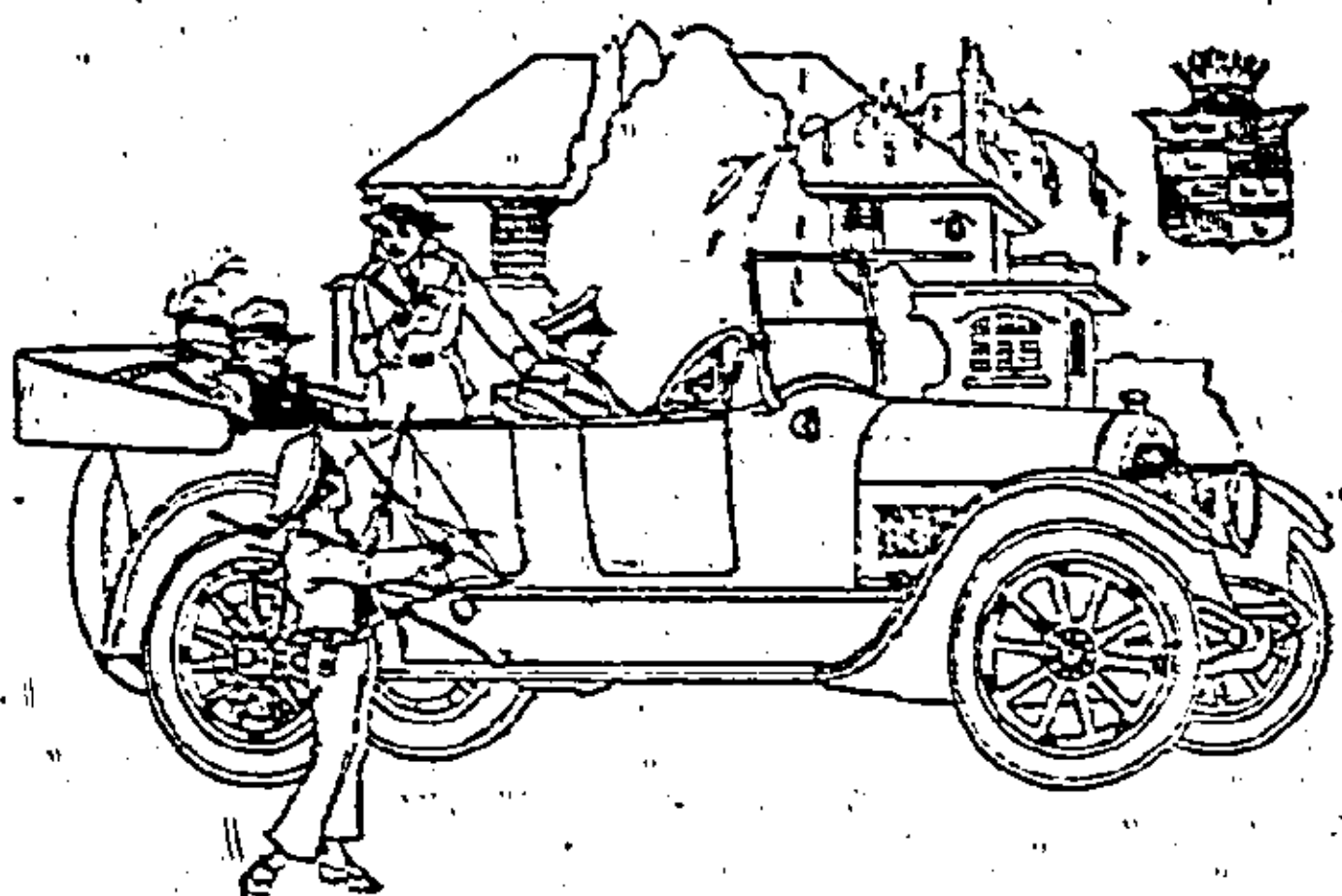
"It is quite probable," says a high Japanese Government official, interviewed by the *Yamato*, "that the Bolsheviks have already found their way into Harbin. It must be remembered that it is only an eight-hour journey from Harbin to Ching-chun on the South Manchurian Railway, and it will not be long before the Bolshevik influence will begin to assert itself within the Japanese territory."

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Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, January 24, 1921.

(For Account of the Concerned),

on
TUESDAY,

February 1, 1921, commencing at
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,
No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner
of Ice House Street.

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNI-
TURE, BRASS AND TEAKWOOD TRIN
BESTEADS, BRASS-MOUNTED
BEDSTEADS, CARPETS,

comprising:—

Chamberlain Suits, Arm-chairs (new),
Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One
Upholstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture
comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads,
large and small Wardrobes,
Dressing Tables, and Chairs, Wash-
stands, etc., (famed Teakwood), Side-
boards, Dinner Wagon, Extension Din-
ing Tables and Chairs, etc., Dinner
Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware,
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, etc., Bath
Room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware,
Electric Reading Lamps, Teakwood
Screens, Sundry Blackwood Furniture,
Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Mirrors,
etc.

Also

Several lots Tennis Balls, One Royal
Superb (English made)
Bicycle 3 Speed Gear.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, January 23, 1921.

(For Account of the Concerned),

on
TUESDAY,

February 1, 1921, commencing at 2.30
p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner
of Ice House Street.

As Assortment of
Household Linens, etc.,

comprising:—

Pillow Cases, Fine quality Blankets,
White Satin Quilts, Bed Valances,
Damask Table Cloths, Turkish Towels,
Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Double Bed
Sheets, Drawnwork Bedspreads, Table
Covers, Crochet and Drawnwork Dollies,
Linen Damask Serviettes,

Also

A few lots of Bellow Valances and Suit
Cases.

Three Pairs Binoculars, etc.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

DO YOU COUGH?

DON'T overstrain the fine membrane
of your throat in trying to dis-
odge the phlegm. Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy will soothe the throat and
cure the cold that is causing it. For
sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

25 WORDS 2 INSERTIONS, \$1. PREPAID.
Each additional word 4 Cents for 3 insertions.

WANTED.

STEWARDS for Steamer proceed-
ing to LIVERPOOL, middle of
March 1921. Applicants with previous
experience and certificates of service
only need apply. Box 1254, c/o "China
Mail."

WANTED.—To RENT or BUY
GODOWN near Waterfront,
from 1st February, next. Apply Box
1251, c/o "China Mail."

WANTED the Owners of SPORTS
to know that the representative
of Messrs. ROSE & Co., is staying in
Ashai Kwan Hotel, 38, 39, Praya East.
Phone No. 3420. Samples of Footballs,
Tennis Rackets, etc., can be seen at
any time between 1 to 5 p.m.

WANTED.—A self-contained flat
or small house furnished or
unfurnished in Central district or
Kowloon, for a quiet family of two.
—Apply Box No. 1255, c/o "China
Mail Office."

TO LET.

TO LET.—No. 69, Wyndham Street,
A FIVE ROOMED HOUSE, with
Bath-room and Servants' Quarters.
Suitable for Office or private residence.
Rent moderate. Apply to the Compro-
dore Department, HOLLAND CHINA
TRADING Co., or No. 67 Wyndham Street.

TO LET.

TO LET.—IMMEDIATE OCCUPA-
TION.—A FEW THREE ROOM-
ED EUROPEAN FLATS IN "ORIENT
BUILDINGS," CORONATION ROAD,
KOWLOON. MODERATE RENTAL.
Apply J. CARR, Clerk, Architect and
Surveyor, 14, Queen's Road, Central.

FOR SALE.

A lot of Chinese Ancient Curios
and Pictures for sale. Apply—
109, Wing Lok Street.

INTIMATIONS

S.S. "LIEN SHING."

NOTICE.

THE HULL CO-INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION, to whom as
underwriters of the Hull of the above
Steamship (the wreck (now lying in
about 20 fathoms near Cape Varella),
has been abandoned HEREBY GIVES

NOTICE that such wreck will be
offered For Sale by AUCTION at 12
o'clock (noon) on FRIDAY, the 4th day
of February 1921, by Messrs. LAMBERT
BROS. at their Sales Rooms in Hong-
kong. Such cargo, as may remain in
the wreck will be sold at the same
time, the proceeds of Hull and Cargo
being kept separate. Any persons or
corporations having any claims in
respect of the proceeds of the cargo
are required to send notice thereof to
Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. before the
4th day of February, 1921.

Hongkong, January 28, 1921.

WANTED.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF
YELLOW RIVER BRIDGE FOR
PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY.

THE PEKING-HANKOW LINE OF
THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT
RAILWAYS invites sealed proposals for
bridge construction for designing and
building a new steel bridge about 2,500
meters in length across the Yellow River
(Hwang-Ho). Proposals will be received
up to noon of June 30th, 1921, at
the office of Peking-Hankow Railway,
Peking, China. Plans, rules and
specifications can be obtained from the
following offices:

Peking: Peking-Hankow Railway,
American, British, Belgian, French,
Italian, and Japanese Legations.
Foreign: Chinese Legations, Wash-
ington, London, Brussels, Paris, Rome,
and Tokyo.

All applications for same must be
accompanied with pounds 6 for foreign
countries and with dollars 30 for
Peking.

PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY
ADMINISTRATION.

WAR MEMORIAL.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

FOR the erection by Public Sub-
scription, of a building to be called
the WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
and to be managed for the joint use
of the Navy, the Army and Civilians
by a Joint Board of Directors.

A portion of the sum raised will
be devoted to the erection of a
permanent stone memorial which
will be put in hand at an early date.

Lists may be found at:—

Messrs. Lane Crawford.
" Kelly & Walsh.
" Montrie.
" Wm. Powell, Ltd.
The Hongkong Club.
" Hongkong Cricket Club.
" Club Lantano.
" Engineers' Institute.
" Victoria Recreation Club.
" Kowloon Cricket Club.
" Kowloon Bowling Club.
" Peak Club.
" Club de Recreio.
" Craigengower Club.

M. J. BREEN,
Hon. Secretary,
War-Memorial Committee.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell at their Sales
Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner
of Ice House Street,
Encyclopaedia Britannica in
(39 Vols.)

Eleventh Edition, with case.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, January 3, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER
CO., (1918), LTD.

NOTICE OF CALL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
a call of \$1 per share has been
made upon all members holding shares
upon which only \$3 has been paid, and
that such call will be payable to the
Bankers of the Company, The Hong-
kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation
at Hongkong, on the 1st day of March,
1921.

FOR THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER
CO., (1918), LTD.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, November 30, 1920.

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Bankers of the Company, The Hong-
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at Hongkong, on the 2nd
day of May, 1921.

FOR THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER
CO., (1918), LTD.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 1, 1920.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILD-
ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
THE THIRTY SECOND ORDIN-
ARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in this Company will be held at the
Company's Offices Victoria Buildings on
FRIDAY, 4th February, 1921, at 12
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Directors together
with the Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY, 26th January, to FRIDAY,
4th February, both days inclusive
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAYS, NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to

The Hongkong Land Investment &
Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for
The Kowloon Land & Building
Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF
& GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Office of
Messrs. JAMES MATTHEWS & Co., Ltd., on
FRIDAY, February 4th, 1921, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors and the Statement of Accounts for
the year ended December 31st, 1920.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, January
25th, 1921, to FRIDAY, February 4th, 1921,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 20, 1921.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON &
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST
ORDINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will
be held at the Office of the Company,
Hotel Mansions, on MONDAY, 7th
February, 1921, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving a Report of the Direc-
tors, together with a Statement of
Accounts, declaring a Dividend and
electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from 25th
January, to 7th February, 1921, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

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JOHN ARNOLD,
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Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the
letting by Public Auction Sale, to
be held on MONDAY, the 31st day
of January, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the
Office of the Public Works Department, by Order
of His Excellency the Governor, of One
Lot of CROWN LAND at Ma Tau
Kok, in the Colony of Hongkong,
for a term of 75 years, with
the option of renewal at a Crown Rent
to be fixed by the Surveyor of His
Majesty the King, for one further term
of 75 years.

No. of the Lot.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Sq. Yds.	Annual Rent in \$.	Upset Price in \$.
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Lot No. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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VLADIVOSTOCK INCIDENT.

LIEUT. LANGDON'S FUNERAL.

JAPAN AND THE WHOLE QUESTION
OF SIBERIA.

Vladivostok, Jan. 18.—At two
o'clock this afternoon impressive reli-
gious and military services were held
in honour of the late Lieut. Langdon,
in the presence of all the military
and civil representatives of Russia
and foreign Powers. Among those
present were General OI and his staff.
A religious service was held at the
Y.M.C.A., close to the "Albany," to
which many of Lieut. Langdon be-
longed. The coffin, covered by a mass
of wreaths, was then taken alongside
the "Albany," and "mounted on a
gun-carriage. Here a salute was
fired, and a large flag was lowered,
shrouding the public view.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Jan. 18.—The NICH-NICH
comments on the apparent desire
of Americans to use the Langdon shoot-
ing affair as a means of opening up
the entire Siberian question. That
the Japanese have the right to remain
at Vladivostok for self-defence has,
it says, already been recognized, and
to raise the question now might there-
fore precipitate a serious diplomatic
argument, which America should know
enough to avoid.

The Reservists' Association at
Takamatsu is sending a protest to
General OI against the reported or-
ders that sentries shall not challenge
Americans, as this is considered de-
rogatory to the spirit of the Japanese
Army.—Reuter.

SENTRY'S ACCOUNT OF THE SHOOTING.
The U.S. Naval Radio service yes-
terday received the following mes-
sage:—

Jan. 18.—Tokyo. Information re-
ceived here to-day states that since
the shooting of Lieutenant Langdon,
two American men in uniform have
been held up by Japanese sentries at
Vladivostok. These men were sup-
posed to be from the U.S.S. "Albany,"
and were probably sent ashore to
search for Lieutenant Langdon's re-
volver. They were challenged and
stopped until they were identified.
This report occasions surprise in view
of the fact that Japanese assurance
had been given that there would be

no further interference with Ameri-
can uniformed men. In reference to
the American protest, it is stated that
there has been no reply made thereto
and it is possible that Washington
will send a second note before the
first reply arrives.

The State Department announces
from advice received through Japa-
nese inquiry that it seems that the
sentry who fired and killed Langdon
had left his post and molested an
officer in an orderly manner along the
street. The State Department relates
that Langdon's statement was that
the sentry ran across the street call-
ing "Americanski," whereupon Lang-
don halted and answered "Yes."
Then the sentry fired at a distance of
six feet and Langdon replied with two
shots from his revolver. Langdon
was a total abstainer. Now the sen-
try admits firing the first shot but
states that he was forced to pursue
Langdon, who did not halt, and that
his rifle was discharged accidentally.
He confesses that he was very ex-
cited and desired only to seize Lang-
don's torch and take him to the guard
room for identification. The sentry's
account now practically coincides with
that of Lieutenant Langdon.

JAPANESE PRESS COMMENT.

Tokyo, Jan. 17.—The Japanese
Press is grieved in its references to
the shooting of Lieut. Langdon at
Vladivostok, owing to the absence of
complete information. The general
opinion is, however, that the sentry
was probably justified, and merely car-
ried out his duty.

The Hochi quotes a War Office of-
ficial as expressing doubt as the report
that General OI has ordered Japanese
sentries not to challenge, stating that
it is inconceivable that such an ex-
ception would be made, as it would
undermine Japanese morale. The
official is stated to have added that
the arrest and court-martialing of the
sentry is a matter of form, and the
invariable rule in such cases. If he
is guilty he will be appropriately
punished, but it will probably be
found that he was acting on the usual
orders to sentries.

The military authorities here trust
that the American military authorities
will take a broad view of the matter,
and not make it a question of "Japa-
nese versus Americans," but of "the
sentry versus an unknown man."—
Reuter.

This is the package
with the moisture-proof
wrapping



that keeps Chesterfield's original flavor
and freshness intact. Your Chesterfields never
become either soggy or dry. They always
reach you in prime shape for smoking.

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smoke-longing that you have always wished
a cigarette would do—they let you know
you are smoking—and they satisfy.

Finest Australian WATTLE BLOSSOM HONEY.

Very rich flavour and of
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Price per 1 lb. bottle \$1.25.

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Hongkong Dispensary.

Wm. **Powell** Ltd.
TELEPHONE 346

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INSPECTION SOLICITED

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60, Des Voeux Road, CENTRAL.

DEATHS.

BURNETT.—At St. Paul's Hospital,
Hongkong, on January 26, 1921,
Patricia (Patty) Cade, beloved
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W.
C. Burnett, age 3 years and 9
months.

STEWART.—On January 20, 1921,
at Hankow, Albert Ashton
Stewart, consulting engineer to
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co.

LADD.—On January 21, 1921, at
Shanghai, Herbert Henry Ladd.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 28, 1921.

KWANGTUNG CONCESSION HUNTERS.

Although the man in the street
has had his smile at the way in
which the Kwangtung concession
hunters, from various con-
cession hunters, he is so dreadfully
wise that he knows they must get
their money back. "The Govern-
ment," he says, "will bring pres-
sure to bear on China to return the
money or confirm the concession."
Cross-examination elicits the inter-
esting fact that his opinion is based
less on faith in the Palmerstonian
strength of the Government than
on the "pull" that he attributes
to the firm of Jardine, Matheson
& Co.

How far is he right? This firm,
while its influence at the Foreign
Office may be no greater than yours
or ours, might conceivably, by vir-
tue of personal acquaintances and
social amenities, have the goodwill
of local representatives of the
Foreign Office. This would be an
innocent enough, and in the
natural order of (local) human

relations: and to counteract any
undue or careless partiality in a
consul or legation official, in a
matter of this kind, publicity
should be sufficient to ensure that
public interest overrides private
interests.

Since the text of the first agree-
ment between Major Cassel and
the Kwangtung concession hunters
was published, and subsequent to the an-
nouncement of its cancellation and
republication by the lawful Kwang-
tung government now established,
a supplement has appeared, dated
August 2nd, 1920, which extends
the prospecting period from nine
to fifteen months. The Chinese
shops are certified by the British
Vice-Consul at Canton. This,
which falls to the ground with the
main agreement, would have block-
ed, and was doubtless intended to
block, any other prospectors from
operating during the period it
covered. What we may call the
Cassel Concession appears to have
been promptly sold to a syndicate
described as the Anglo-Chinese
Proprietary Syndicate, Ltd. In
view of the way it was got, and
of the parties from whom it was
got, the term "proprietary" is
juicy with significance.

The extraordinary conditions in
China led to these extraordinary
transactions by our own nationals.
Peking officials, in view of the fact
that the southern provinces were
in rebellion, could not, even if they
happened to be honest, be expected
to show much concern for the
rights of the inhabitants. As we
see it, the position rather resembles
what might have happened if Ger-
man concessionaires had approach-
ed the London government to agree
to a monopoly of mining rights in
Ireland conceded, for a considera-
tion, by Sir Edward Carson, except
that Carson is a much worthier
individual than Mr. Cassel. Seeing that
our own government does not re-
cognize the real and genuine de-
facto Canton government, yet, we
are at a loss to understand why any

one should expect its representa-
tives, out here to recognize, and
try to enforce, contracts made by
rebels who for a while defied both
Peking and Canton, and have since
fled. It isn't as if they brought
pressure to bear to enforce all
grants to British subjects, an atti-
tude we might understand and even
applaud. The officials of Hunan
province made an agreement with a
mining engineer called Grant,
which they afterwards cancelled,
and his claims were not supported
by the British Minister. Why
should the Jardine etc. syndicate
have greater consideration for a
weaker claim?

We understand that a pamphlet
is being prepared for circulation
among Members of Parliament
which should let a word deal more
daylight into this financial raid on
China than the public at present
enjoys.

By and by we may supplement
these disclosures with further re-
velations about a fresh attempt.
Knowing how pressed for money
the Canton authorities are, some
of them are after the "water
rights" of the North River. Their
real purpose is guessed to be the
diverting of the river (a serious
matter in China) in a crazy search
for gold, but the enterprise will be
spoken of as a water power con-
cession, and perhaps employed with
the Severn Stunt. We mention it
here to let certain persons know
that the China Mail is watching.

MARITIME CUSTOMS.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

An official statement issued at
Canton yesterday states:—
"Unnecessary alarm has been cre-
ated by spreading the absurd report
that the Military Government of the
Republic of China at Canton is about
to seize the Maritime Customs. The
Military Government only desires to
put itself in place of the so-called
Peking Government in the Constitu-
tional Provinces. In taking this
step, it is intended to arouse the
Peking Government to open its eyes
and to compel it to introduce sensible
reforms so that China may be re-
united. The Military Government
will not in the least jeopardise the
interests of foreign bondholders or
interfere with the existing manage-
ment of the Customs. It is to be
noted that any unreasonable opposi-
tion to the action of the Military
Government will necessarily support
the corrupt Peking Government and
retard the prospect of peace."
Canton, January 26, 1921.

ADMIRAL LINE.

SEATTLE TERMINAL.

PROPOSED GIANT PLANT.

In keeping with its policy of ex-
tensive improvements for the han-
dling of Trans-Pacific freight and
passenger business, the Admiral Line
has recommended to the United
States Shipping Board, the purchase
of a valuable waterfront site at
Seattle, and the construction thereon
of an up-to-the-minute terminal. This
building will be capable of handling
and storing many thousands of tons of
freight per day, and passengers will
be handled through it with all the
despatch of a modern railway
terminal. The main building will be
in the neighbourhood of 750 feet long,
built to a height of six stories, while
in the central part will be built a
tower ten stories high, which will
house the various offices and operating
departments of the institution. Pro-
jecting from the shore building will
be three separate wharves over 1,000
ft. long, two stories high each one cap-
able of berthing six large steamers,
or a total berthing space for 18
vessels. The plant will be equipped
with all the most modern machinery
for the expeditious handling of
freight to and from the Orient.

The Admiral Line management
has proposed that this giant plant be
erected under the auspices of the
United States Shipping Board, and
when completed, leased to the
Steamship company for operation.
The Admiral Line, being the largest
American operators on the Pacific
Coast, are in a position accurately to
know the needs of the trade, and
may be relied upon to handle the in-
stitution properly when it is com-
pleted. Its cost is estimated to be about
\$6,000,000, and its construction will
require three years.

An interesting fundion took
place at the Tsangfo School, in
Kowloon City, on Wednesday, when
H.E. the Governor distributed the
prizes to the scholars. The school
is operated under the auspices of the
Chinese Benevolent Association. The
Governor was accompanied by his
private secretary, Captain Warner,
and the Hon. Mr. S. B. C. Ross,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs. Among
those present were a number of
Chinese gentlemen, including Mr.
Tsang Foo, the Chairman of the
Free Schools group, Mr. Wong
Kwongtin, Mr. Chan Pakto, a dis-
tinguished educator, and the
Manchu regime, and a number of
others concerned in the upkeep of
the schools.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

All preliminary notices of forth-
coming meetings, lectures and
entertainments, sent for insertion in
the news columns of the China Mail,
are charged for at the rate of \$1
each, (as announced in May and June
of last year) providing that they do
not occupy more than four lines. In
future if this space is exceeded they
will be placed in the advertising
columns at the prevailing rates.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.E. the Governor will distribute
the prizes at St. Stephen's College on
Saturday, January 29, at 11 a.m.

Some Cantonese merchants are
organizing a new modern bank in
Hankow with a capital of \$1,000,000.

One case of paratyphoid fever,
British, and one fatal case of cerebri-
spinal fever, Chinese, were reported
yesterday.

We are asked to announce that
there will be no performance of "The
Mollusc" at the Helena May Institute
on Monday, January 31st.

The Canton-Samshui Railroad
will experiment not only in employ-
ing women as ticket sellers but also
in engaging women conductors.

Lady Stubbs is to present the
prizes at the Diocesan Girl's School
prize distribution to be held at the
school on February 3, at 11 a.m.

Invitations have been issued for
the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan
Tollan's daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr.
F. C. Clemo, on Valentine's day,
February 14.

German measles is still rife
among foreign children in Peking. A
number of grown up people have
been attacked, including Mrs. Small-
wood, wife of Col. Smallwood, of the
Royal Air Force.

Yokohama papers announce the
death at sea of Captain W. P. C.
Thompson (a Dane) who was formerly
in the service of the Nippon Yusen
Kaisha. In accordance with his own
wish he was buried at sea.

We hear from the famine regions
that the distress prevailing has been
seriously increased since the recent
great fall of snow, accompanied as
it has been with the bitterest cold
experienced during many years—
Hankow Post.

The Canton Military Govern-
ment will have a Bureau of Commerce
to promote industry, protect marks,
encourage merchant marine, inspect
banks and supervise insurance com-
panies, and do other things to assist
and extend commerce at home and
abroad.

Reports from Kwangchowwan
states that a band of bandits more
than a thousand strong attacked the
city of Luichow and the neighbour-
hood, killing many inhabitants and
getting away with loot worth
\$500,000. The bandits destroyed much
valuable property.

Madame Lottie Gordon has
received a very sympathetic letter
from Lady Stubbs, congratulating
her, on behalf of H.E. the Governor
and herself, on the great success of
her charity concert at the Theatre
Royal on Sunday last. Lady Stubbs
adds that the programme was enjoyed
immensely.

Says a shipping contemporary:
"The master of a small Scandinavian
motor vessel which came to grief
some time ago off the North-East
Coast of England, when asked 'why
he gave no orders to the engine-
room,' stated that he had been for
many years in sail and forgot for
the moment that his vessel had any
engine!"

A report made to the police by
Mr. J. H. Wallace, of the C.P.O.S.,
of the loss of two tie pins, led to a
search of the servants' quarters.
Among the property of one of the
coolies was found a book relating
to a Triad Society. The discovery
had its sequel in Magistrate Orme's
Court yesterday when the coolie was
fined \$100 or one month's hard
labour.

The snowstorm in Japan on
January 14 seems to have played con-
siderable havoc with the telegraph
and telephone wires. Almost all the
long-distance telegraph and telephone
wires were damaged more or less.
The damage to the telephone wires
in Kobe was not serious, but at Osaka
and Kioto the service was completely
interrupted. In Osaka alone the
lines were damaged in 4,000 places.

The Provincial Assembly of
Kwangtung is now considering the
Provisional City Charter of Canton.
It is the desire of the Government
that the Assembly simply confirm the
charter without amendment, as it
has been definitely decided by the
Government to inaugurate the city
government on February 15. The
Assembly, however, in its usual pro-
cedure, has referred the bill to com-
mittee.

SPORT.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

R.G.A. v. POLICE.

This league fixture which was
postponed from January 15 owing
to the Police having worked all
night on the Bailey Shipyard fire
with the result that they were unable
to field a team, was played off on
the Club ground, Happy Valley yester-
day evening.

The Police lost the toss and kicked
off facing the sun and against a
strong wind. In spite of this, they
immediately assumed the offensive
and forced a corner from which a
well placed shot was saved in the
nick of time. From the clear, the
Artillery forwards went away.
Working his way through the defence,
McHugh opened the scoring with a
swift low shot which could not be
stopped from a close range. From
the centre, the gunners again took
up the attack. Running strongly
down the wing, Wilson sent a well
timed centre to McHugh who im-
mediately transferred the ball into
the net with a clever header. The
Artillery renewed their attack from
the centre, and coming down again,
Wilson beat the backs, getting in
close, putting the side three up.
Keeping the pressure up, the Gunners
gave the Police defence a strenuous
time, and from a beautiful pass from
McHugh, Watson put in the fourth
goal in less than 20 minutes' play.

In the second half, after re-organising
their side, and with the
wind in their favour, the Police man-
aged to level things up and had a fair
share of the exchanges. No further
scoring took place, however, and
when the final whistle came, the
Artillerymen left the field winners by
four goals to nil.

Mr. Jones was the referee.

HONGKONG LEAGUE TABLE.

(Position in Division I, up to
January 27.)

CLUB.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	GOALS.
Whitshires	10	8	1	1	20	10	17	
R.G.A.	10	6	2	2	17	9	14	
H.K. Club	10	5	2	3	17	5	13	
Kowloon	11	4	4	3	13	12	11	
"Tamar"	9	5	4	0	17	13	10	
S.C.A.	10	3	3	4	10	11	10	
H.K. Police	9	1	6	2	6	15	4	
"Ambrose"	9	1	7	1	8	25	3	
"Titania"	6	1	5	0	3	9	2	

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

(Position up to January 27.)

CLUB.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.	GOALS.
Hawkins	10	7	0	3	26	9	17	
Tamar	10	6	2	2	20	18	14	
Ambrose	12	4	6	2	14	22	10	
2 Whitshires	9	3	5	1	18	14	7	
Carlisle	7	2	3	2	6	8	6	
R.G.A.	8	2	5	1	9	13	5	
Curlow	8	2	5	8	9	18	5	

2ND DIVISION FIXTURES.

The Hongkong Football League
2nd Division fixtures for Saturday,
January 29, are as follows:

Kowloon v. Recreation, St. Joseph's
ground, at 4 p.m.

South China v. "Carlisle," South
China ground, at 4 p.m.

Club v. Indians, Club ground, at
2.30 p.m.

Oilers United v. Punjabis, Navy
"A" ground, at 2.30 p.m.

The R.G.A. v. St. Joseph and Uni-
ted v. Staff and Depts. matches have
been postponed.

BILLYARDS.

HO KONG TONG CUPS.

Last night's play at the Palace
Hotel, Kowloon, in the tournament
for the above cups resulted in P.C.
Cave (-125) beating H. Hatch (-100)
250-68; and F. E. Silvy (-200) de-
feating B. Harding (-250) 250-61.

The best breaks of the matches
were—
Cave, 25 and 21; Silva, 29, 24, 21
(twice) 20 (twice) 16 (twice) and 15
(twice).

TONIGHT'S GAMES.

Tonight the following games will
be played—6 p.m.—R. Thomas
(-175) v. A. Tse Tak-on (-150).
9 p.m.—A. Rowe (-100) v. J.M.V.
Ribeiro (-300).

LEAGUE CRICKET.

C. R. C. v. I. R. C.

The above match is to take place
at Causeway Bay on the following
29th inst. at 2.15 p.m. The following
will represent the "Indians"—A. H.
Rumjahn, A. el Arculli, S. H. Ismail,
M. H. Abbas, A. A. Rumjahn, S. D.
Ismail, O. Ismail, D. W. Rupilli, S. A.
Ismail, D. Rumjahn and A. Minu.
Reserve: N. M. Buz.

SHOOTING.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

The following are the results of a
league match between H.M.S.

"Tamar" and H.M.S. "Hawkins"
fired at the Tai Hang Range yester-
day. The match was a win for H.M.S.
"Hawkins" by 17 points. The scores
are as follows:—

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Chapman	36	41	29	106
Miller	40	32	32	104
Charlworth	42	40	22	104
Horton	31	37	33	101
Dawes	37	34	30	101
Beauchamp	40	30	30	100
Trowbridge	32	27	29	98
Moss	36	23	28	87
Total	301			

H.M.S. "TAMAR."

H.M.S. "TAMAR."	200	500	600	Pts.
Mr. Snell	39	39	41	119
Clemow	40	41	27	108
Brazendale	32	46	29	107
Ravenscroft	36	35	33	104
Allen	35	36	31	102
Selby	37	34	28	99
Botting	35	25	13	73
Way	33	29	11	73
Total	734			

BOXING.

MORAN K. O. BECKETT.

Joe Beckett, champion of England,
was knocked out in the second round
of his contest with Frank Moran, of
America, at the Albert Hall on Janu-
ary 10, before the largest gathering
that has ever assembled there for a
boxing match.

Moran's "Mary Ann"—the boxer's
pet name for his right hand—did its
devil's work with the precision of a
steam-hammer. Beckett had the best
of the first round, but after two-and-
a-half minutes in the second round he
received a succession of blows that
made him stagger. Sixteen seconds
later he was being counted out, amid
incredible scenes, especially from the
beating men, who had laid 4,700
to 4,400 that he would win.

The men did enter the ring until
nearly three-quarters of an hour after
the advertised time, for a reason that
few in the hall understood. Moran
refused at nine o'clock to fight under
the appointed referee, Mr. Palmer.
There were many anxious minutes,
and, finally, to the relief of those in
the secret, Moran agreed to decide
the question by the spin of a coin.

It is not easy to imagine what
would have happened had Moran per-
sisted in his refusal.

Beckett was the greater favourite
with the spectators, his reception
equaling that given to Carpentier.
It was noted with interest that the
Frenchman, who is announced to
meet the winner of Friday's contest,
before it began jumped to Beckett's
corner at the end of the first round
to give him advice.

Two and a half minutes later Be-
ckett's star had set, and he was still
sitting dazed in his seat.

Frank Moran stated in an interview
after the fight that he believed his
victory was due to his greater experi-
ence.

There were three blows which
decided the match—a left hook fol-
lowed by a right hook that shook Be-
ckett considerably, and finally a right
uppercut.

CARPENTIER AN INTERESTED SPECTATOR.

The European champion sat just in
front of the Press seats, and the auto-
graph hunters soon began to trespass
on his good nature. Fortunately for
Carpentier, Major Louis Greig, the
Duke of York's Comptroller, came
along to fetch him away. It appeared
that Beckett wished to see his old
rival before the fight.

It was an interesting meeting this
in the Englishman's dressing-room,
and Carpentier's final remark, in Eng-
lish, too, was: "Joe, all you want to
do is to be careful! Moran is no
boxer, and I think you will win. All
my money is on you."

Much has been written about the
curiously unamiable attitude of the
public towards Beckett, but when he
followed Moran into the ring just
before ten o'clock the British cham-
pion had no reason to complain of the
swelling roar of cheers which greeted
him.

Beckett looked just a trifle startled,
and made his customary grim smile
in response. Moran, cheery as ever,
came across to greet his rival, and then
Carpentier, slim and graceful as ever,
sprang lightly over the ropes into the
ring, where it was announced that he
would meet the winner of the con-
test about to take place.

The young Frenchman got a hearty
welcome, which obviously delighted
him, and he shook hands with both
the boxers.

Jimmy Wilde and Billy Wells, the
two idols of the British public, made
their bow, and then the course was
clear for a bout which, with its drama-
tic and sudden finish, was to give such
a thrill to the 10,000 spectators pre-
sent.

A BACKER'S SUICIDE.
James Board, head barman at the
Wheat-sheaf, Borough Market, London
Bridge, committed suicide on the
night of Jan. 10 by shooting himself
through the head with a revolver.

The result of the Beckett v. Moran
fight had just reached the Borough,
and it is stated that the dead barman
had backed the English champion for
a large sum of money and was greatly
depressed at the result.

Board had been a barman for a
number of years and was well known
in the district.

SPECIAL CABLE.

STRAITS STEAMER.

HELD UP AT SINGAPORE.

ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION'S DEMAND.

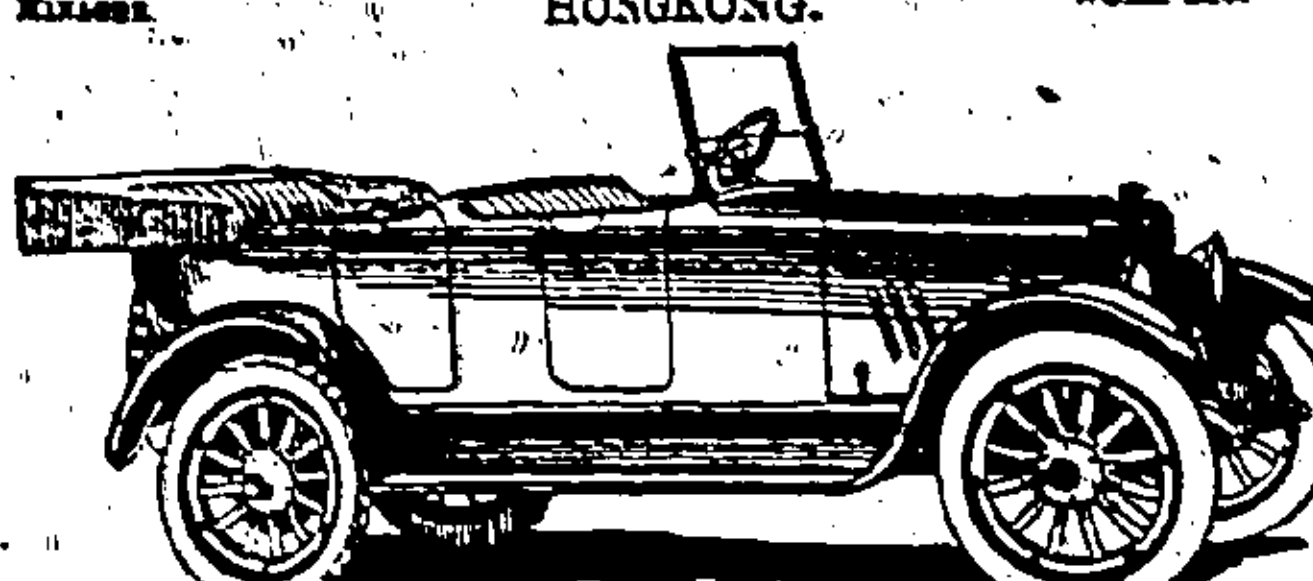
[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Jan. 27.

The Straits steamer "Batavier"
has been held up in Singapore owing
to the action of the Association of
Engineers who demand that the vessel
carry a chief and a second engineer
instead of only a second engineer and
a driver.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MERCURY MOTOR CAR
CO.
59-61 Des Voeux Road Central,
HONGKONG.



COMPANY MEETINGS.

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

The 33rd ordinary general meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

Sir Paul Chater presided, and there were present the Hon. Mr. John Johnston, Mr. E. O. Lang, and Mr. A. S. Gubbay, directors; Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote, secretary; and the following shareholders: Major Keswick, A. B. Stewart, J. Bell Irving, E. Sadick, F. Matland, and L. S. Greenhill.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—I propose with your permission to take the report and statement of accounts together with the auditor's report as read. The accounts now before you call for little or no comment. As you are aware at the close of 1919 we sold our entire property so that the operations of the Company now consist merely of the collection of the interest on the mortgages then granted. During the year past several of these mortgages were paid off and those still remaining unpaid mature at the end of the year. No doubt when all have been realized steps will be taken to wind up the Company. An interim dividend at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum on the Capital was paid in July last and, as you will have seen from the report, it is now proposed to distribute a further \$8.00 per share, a disposition which will I trust meet with your approval. I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. Matland seconded the motion for the adoption of the Reports and Accounts. Carried unanimously.

Major Keswick proposed, and Mr. J. Bell Irving seconded, the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. E. O. Lang and Mr. A. S. Gubbay as directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. E. O. Lang proposed, and Mr. Greenhill seconded, the re-election of the Hon. Mr. John Johnston and Mr. A. S. Gubbay as directors. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Sadick and seconded by Mr. Northcote, that Mr. H. Percy Smith and Mr. E. Bernard Brown be re-elected auditors, at a remuneration of \$100. It was carried unanimously.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

The 7th ordinary general meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 11.40 a.m. to-day.

Sir Paul Chater presided, and there were present the Hon. Mr. John Johnston, the Rev. Father Robert, and Mr. A. H. Compton, directors; Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote, secretary; and the following shareholders: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Major Keswick, and Mr. H. M. H. Nemazee.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report, having been in your hands for some days, may, I think, be taken as read. The net profits for the year under review amount to \$134,564.54 against \$109,232.70 for 1919 and \$98,860.76 for 1918. Rent account shows an improvement over the previous year and the debit side of Profit and Loss Account benefits from a decreased expenditure in interest, lower insurance rates and a slight reduction in the repairs bill. Our investment in shares which stood at \$94,737.50 at the close of 1919 has been reduced by satisfactory sales at \$25,197.50 against a market value of \$38,150.00. In conformity with last year we paid you an Interim Dividend of \$4.00 per share and in view of the good result over the whole year's work it is now proposed to distribute an additional \$1.00 or \$5.00 in all by way of a final dividend, making a total dividend for the year of 9 per cent. on the Capital which I am sure you will deem very satisfactory. With these remarks I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any question shareholders may desire to put.

Major Keswick seconded the motion for the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and it was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnston presided, and there were present Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. A. H. Compton, and Mr. K. R. White, directors; Mowbray S. Northcote, secretary; and the following shareholders: J. Bell Irving, Major Keswick, Chau Sui Kee, N. V. Croucher, John Arnold, A. B. Stewart, A. V. Apcar, H. M. Nemazee, E. Sadick and Mr. Ho Leung.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors report

Mr. Nemazee proposed, and the Rev. Father Robert seconded, the re-election of Mr. A. H. Compton to the Board of Directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Greenhill proposed, and Mr. Northcote seconded, the re-election of Messrs. H. Percy Smith and E. Bernard Brown as auditors, at a remuneration of \$150. The meeting then concluded.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The 20th ordinary general meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 11.50 a.m. to-day.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnston presided, and there were present Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, and Mr. A. H. Compton, directors; Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote, secretary; and the following shareholders: The Rev. Father Robert, Mr. E. Sadick, Mr. Percy Smith, Major Keswick, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, and Mr. Seth.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—With your permission we will adopt the usual course by taking the report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors' report as read. I am pleased to be able to come before you with a very satisfactory report, perhaps the best so far as the ordinary working of the Company is concerned, since its inception. The net profits for the year amount to \$79,541.62 (a sum exceeding by \$13,716.62 the amount required for our customary dividend), as compared with \$51,671.73 for 1919. Both interest and rent accounts show appreciable increases—in the latter case due to a renewal of the demand for coal and other storage on our Kowloon Marine Lot 49, which had fallen off during 1919, but which, as I mentioned when addressing you last year, we had every reason to expect would again revive as it has done. During the year the management of this Company was placed in the hands of the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited, at a fixed remuneration of \$3,000.00 per annum, and this accounts for the difference shown under the heading of charges account \$667.69 as against \$7,637.32 in 1919, and the appearance of the item commission to General Managers. Our investments in mortgages show a light increase while that in shares is well under their market value. Our house property in Yau-mat and at Shaukiwan continues to be let at good rentals and is in good order. We now propose to pay the usual dividend of \$5.25 per share, to write our furniture a/c down to the nominal figure of \$100.00, and to carry forward \$627,563.24, a course which I trust will meet with your approval. I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed and when this has been duly seconded the accounts will be open to discussion.

The motion for the adoption of the Report and Accounts was seconded by Father Robert and carried unanimously.

Major Keswick proposed, and Mr. Seth seconded, the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. A. S. Gubbay as director. Carried unanimously.

Mr. A. H. Compton proposed, and Mr. Smith seconded, the re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. A. S. Gubbay as directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Greenhill proposed, and Mr. Northcote seconded, the re-election of Messrs. H. Percy Smith and E. Bernard Brown as auditors at a remuneration of \$75. The meeting then concluded.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The 33rd ordinary general meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 12 o'clock noon to-day.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnston presided, and there were present Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. A. H. Compton, and Mr. K. R. White, directors; Mowbray S. Northcote, secretary; and the following shareholders: J. Bell Irving, Major Keswick, Chau Sui Kee, N. V. Croucher, John Arnold, A. B. Stewart, A. V. Apcar, H. M. Nemazee, E. Sadick and Mr. Ho Leung.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors report

Mr. J. Bell Irving proposed, and Mr. A. B. Stewart seconded, the confirmation of Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. H. B. White as directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. N. V. Croucher proposed, and Mr. John Arnold seconded, the re-election of Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. A. S. Gubbay as directors. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Ho Leung and seconded by Mr. A. V. Apcar, that Messrs. Percy Smith and E. Bernard Brown be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: That, Gentlemen, concludes the meeting. The warrant will be ready to-morrow morning.

HOTEL BAR SCENE.

MANAGER ASSAULTED.

DRUNK MAN REMEMBERS NOTHING.

Benjamin Taylor was this morning charged before Magistrate Lindsay with (1) disorderly conduct in the bar of the King Edward Hotel, and (2) assaulting Mr. Witchell.

Accused said that as he did not remember anything that happened last night, he could not put up a defence. He must have been drunk or he would not have been guilty of the actions alleged against him.

Mr. Witchell said that when the bar boy refused to serve the accused and a friend with more whisky, they attempted to climb over the counter to get at the bottles. While witness was attempting to pacify the accused's friend, the accused came up behind him and struck him a heavy blow on the face. Witness had to arm himself with a club to keep the accused off until the arrival of the police.

Taylor: I am very sorry that I have done such a thing.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 on each charge.

LITTLE DROPS OF SPIRIT.

TOO MUCH FOR THE BUS-ON.

MYSTERY SHIP MAN'S FAHING.

"A very good man at sea, but drunk in every port," was the description given of R. W. Jones, boat-swain of the s.s. "Agamemnon," at the Marine Court this morning when he was charged with having unlawfully disobeyed the order of the first mate between January 17 and 21 (both days inclusive) at Shanghai.

The accused said he had been on a "mystery" ship throughout the war. The experience he had gone through had affected his nerves with the result that a little drop of spirit made him drunk.

The Magistrate told the accused that he should not take that "little drop" at all. It was a serious thing for a man in his position, on whom the Chief Officer depended. A fine of \$5 on 14 day's hard labour would be imposed.

having been in your hands for some days I will with your permission take them as read. The year now under review has been I think you will agree a satisfactory one. The profits, after payment of all charges, including Managing Director's, Directors' and Auditor's fees, amount to \$758,954.24 as compared with \$758,954.24 in 1919, to which must be added the amount brought forward from last year \$127,590.96 giving a total of \$886,545.20 available for distribution. From this there has already been paid an interim dividend of \$3.50 per share or \$175,000.00 and, as you will have read, it is now proposed to deal with the balance as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$4.50 per share.....\$ 225,000.00

To pay a Bonus of \$6.00 per share.....300,000.00

To pay a Bonus to Staff.....7,000.00

and to carry forward.....189,555.20

\$ 721,555.20

which will no doubt meet with your approval.

The revenues of the Company from ordinary sources show an improvement over 1919 as also does the amount derived from sales of property. Repairs to property have been somewhat heavy during the year and total \$46,701.32, as against only \$25,056.68 for the previous year. This is due to the very necessary external renovation of several of our large office blocks, Chinese tenement houses in the Eastern district and to the ravages of that constant pest, white ants.

On the other hand we have benefited by lower insurance rates and an increase in interest derived from our mortgages. As you will notice the amount standing in the Balance sheet under the heading of mortgages has increased by some \$277,000.00. Our holding in shares remains unchanged and is well below the market values. The work of the Staff has again been consistently excellent and I am sure you will approve of the appropriation it is proposed to make.

Major Keswick seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. Bell Irving proposed, and Mr. A. B. Stewart seconded, the confirmation of Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. H. B. White as directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. N. V. Croucher proposed, and Mr. John Arnold seconded, the re-election of Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. A. S. Gubbay as directors. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Ho Leung and seconded by Mr. A. V. Apcar, that Messrs. Percy Smith and E. Bernard Brown be re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$750 each. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman: That, Gentlemen, concludes the meeting. The warrant will be ready to-morrow morning.

JAPAN'S NEW POSSESSION.

EXPLOITATION OF SAGHALIEN.

The Asahi says that the Government has a project under contemplation for the establishment of a big semi-official company for the working of collieries in Saghalien and for the development of industry in that island. Coal deposits in Saghalien have hitherto been estimated at between 300,000,000 and 400,000,000 tons, but some experts even declare that the island contains as much as 7,500,000,000 tons of coal. In any case, it is now confidently reported that the figures cannot be below 500,000,000 tons. The prevailing view seems to favour the establishment of the company with a capital of Yen 80,000,000, but some authorities at the Colonial Bureau advocate the capitalisation of the concern at Yen 100,000,000. No final decision is yet reached as to the amount of the capital, but it is likely that a Bill in this connection will be laid before the present session of the Diet. It is difficult to predict the fate of this Bill, which will certainly call forth a heated discussion. In the event of the Bill being passed in the form proposed by the Government, the construction of railways, roads and harbours will be undertaken by the company as well as the working of coalfields.

Dr. F. T. Keyt, Port Medical Officer, this morning charged F. Koshi, master of the s.s. "Nichiren Maru," before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N. (Marine Magistrate) with having unlawfully failed to fly the yellow (Q) flag on the ship, the same being a healthy vessel. The quarantine regulations, said, Dr. Keyt, were applicable to all vessels arriving from an infected port. The defendant's ship had arrived from Keelung, which port was at present declared infected. The defendant said he did not know that the regulations applied to Keelung this being the first trip his vessel had made from that port. After explaining the procedure to the defendant, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.

Hongkong, Friday, 28th January, 1921.

1. Parades.

Parades for week ending February 5th, will be held in accordance with Programme of Work.

2. Engineering Company.

Instructional Class on Defence Lights will be held at Belchers on Fridays, February 11th and 18th, at 5.30 p.m.

3. Mounted Infantry Section.

Parade at Polo Ground, Causeway Bay, on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Optional.

4. Cadet Company.

Parades.—The Company will parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, February 1st, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order.

Cadets wishing to attend Memorial Service in St. John's Cathedral, parade at Headquarters on Sunday, 30th instant, at 10 a.m. Dress: Drill Order with Helmets. Arms will not be carried.

Strength.—Cadets W. G. Urquhart and M. M. Gerrard are taken on the strength of the Company from January 25th, 1921.

NOTICE.

Musketry.—The Rifle Meeting will be continued on Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th February, vide Time Table issued.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

SAINT STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, HONGKONG.

HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR of Hongkong, has kindly consented to distribute the PRIZES on SATURDAY, the 29th Jan. 1921, at 11 a.m.

Hongkong, January 28, 1921.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR has kindly consented to open the new CATHEDRAL HALL, on MONDAY, 31st inst. at 3.15 p.m. and at 5.30 p.m. the ANNUAL MEETING of shareholders and subscribers will be held. All members of the congregation whether shareholders or not, are cordially invited to attend both functions.

Hongkong, January 28, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

"HE" has signed over to Public Auction, 704 ACCOUNTS OF THE CONCERNED, on

TUESDAY,

February 1, 1921, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 4, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street.

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Hongkong, January 28, 1921.

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THE Motorship "OHTU."

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Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Messrs. THORSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 27, 1921.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Hongkong, January 28, 1921.

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SWATOW AND SINGAPORE	SINGAPORE	Jan. 23, at Noon
BANGKOK	CHINA	Jan. 23, at Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	YINGCHOW	Jan. 23, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW AND BANGKOK	HANYANG	Jan. 30, at 10 a.m.
SWATOW AND SHANGHAI	SECHUEN	Jan. 30, at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	CHINA	Feb. 1, at 8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI AND TSINGTAO	CHINA	Feb. 1, at 11 a.m.
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Monteagle	Apr. 7	May 1
Empress of Russia	Apr. 28	May 18
Empress of Japan	May 17	June 7
Empress of Asia	May 26	June 13
Monteagle	June 14	July 8
Empress of Russia	June 23	July 11
Empress of Japan	July 7	July 28
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Jan. 31—R. F.	Anchises
Feb. 7—R. F.	Knights Templar
28—R. F.	Tokyo
31—R. F.	Kentucky
Mar. 7—R. F.	Eden
14—R. F.	Tiancon

FROM JAPAN	Arrives
Feb. 4—P. & O.	Dela
11—R. F.	Lion
11—R. F.	Tynda
16—R. F.	Japan
16—R. F.	Kanowna
18—P. & O.	Khiva
21—R. F.	Monte
21—R. F.	Lyons
24—R. F.	Aratoun Apar
28—R. F.	Tian
29—R. F.	Protetians
Mar. 7—R. F.	Achilles
7—R. F.	St. Albans
10—R. F.	Stentor
31—R. F.	Ningchow
31—R. F.	R. of the Garter

FROM MANILA	Arrives
Jan. 31—R. F.	Tecum
Feb. 14—R. F.	Protetians
Mar. 3—R. F.	Talhythas
28—R. F.	Lyons
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May 11—R. F.	Protetians

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"KANGAR"	5,000	4th Mar.	MASSILLON, LONDON & A'warp.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Mar.	Do

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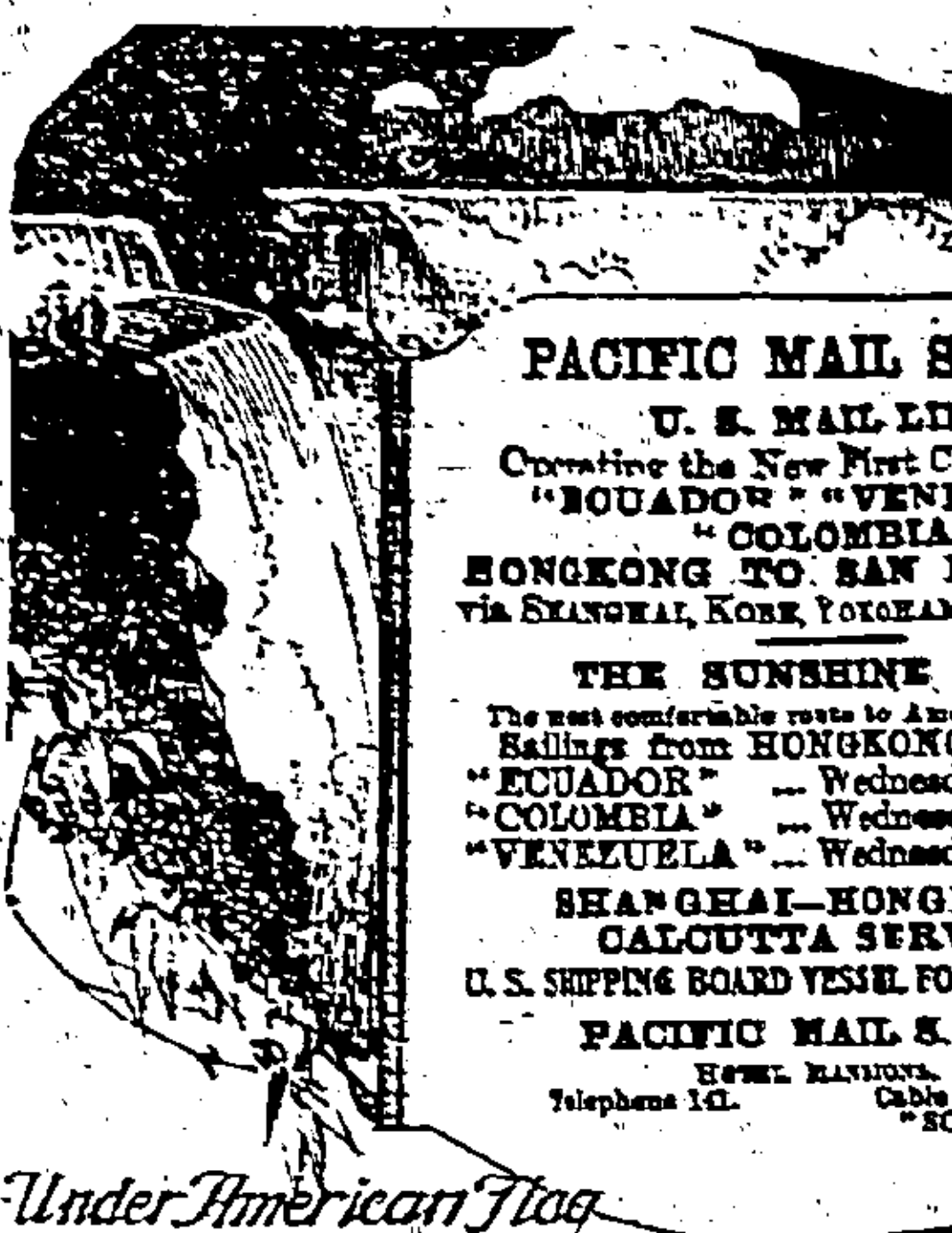
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DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

INTERESTING REPORT.

The Diocesan Boys' School was the scene last evening of an important gathering, when the annual prize distribution took place. Interest in the occasion was increased by the valuable report submitted by the Headmaster, the Rev. T. W. Featherstone, for the school year 1920, in which he discussed the local problems and offered suggestions for the advancement of educational work in the Far East.

Lady Stubbs distributed the prizes, and the Bishop of Victoria presided. Among those present were: Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. E. Irving (Director of Education), the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Mrs. Pollock, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Rev. W. Holman, Dr. N. Teedale Mackintosh, the Hon. Mr. G. C. Albaster, Mr. A. H. Compton, and Mr. W. L. Patterson, and others.

The ceremony was opened by the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," and prayer by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle. The Headmaster then read the following report:

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The report which I read now is the report for the school year 1920. This is the third report made since I was appointed Headmaster in May 1918. That year the late Headmaster retired after 40 years' service. In 1919 we had no regular staff of masters for the whole year except Mr. H. Sykes and myself instead of a pre-war staff of six masters and one on furlough. In October 1919 I went on furlough and the Rev. A. J. S. Stearn took my place at a week's notice. Two masters were obtained locally—Mr. Hayes who I regret to say, died in February, and Mr. Rainer who was appointed Director of a School at Macao in March. Mr. Sykes retired in April after 20 years very valuable service. Miss Goggin our highly esteemed Matron died in January. From this it will be seen that the past three years have been years of exceptional stress and strain but despite all this the general results in University Examinations and in general school work have never been better.

I feel it my first duty to thank most cordially the Rev. A. J. S. Stearn for the excellent work which he did during my absence in England; how he managed to carry on last summer after Mr. Sykes left I cannot understand; suffice it to say he did carry on and the school owes a great debt of thanks to him. Secondly I would like to thank the Lady teachers, the Chinese staff and all who helped us temporarily during the year. This is the first time in the history of the school that a lady has been asked to distribute the prizes. The reason why we have asked Lady Stubbs to do so is that it is our wish to pay the highest tribute possible to the excellent work which has been done by the lady teachers in the school during and since the War. Without their efficient help we could not have carried on.

The scholars also rose to the occasion and the result has been a steady growth of esprit de corps. This year the number of prizes has been reduced considerably and in future certificates may be given instead of certain prizes.

STAFF.

During the past year the following teachers have been added to the staff: Rev. H. du T. Pymeth Durham, Mr. D. Trafford, a trained certificated teacher, Mr. E. C. Thomas, Mr. T. S. W. Chan, an old boy—who has qualified for the Diploma in Commerce at the Hongkong University, Mrs. M. E. Ring, M.Sc., Birmingham, Mrs. Z. Connor, and Mrs. C. E. James, a teacher with eleven years' experience in teaching. Miss Halley succeeded Miss Goggin as Matron, and in September Mrs. Shaw took Miss Halley's place. In December S.S. Hunt, M.P.S.C., became our Physical Drill Instructor.

In past years apart from the Headmaster and Second Master this school has not kept masters for any length

of time. The salaries of assistant masters have been increased.

If definite prospects were offered to masters with several years of experience and to married masters and if a Contributory Pension Fund were started there would be no difficulty in this matter.

We are thankful that in a school like this we fortunately get much teaching done for teaching's sake but there are limits beyond which it is not wise to press the claim.

WORK.

The general report of the Government Inspector was very satisfactory. Several changes have been made in routine. Special attention is being given to mathematics and science, our weakest subjects in past years. Mr. Stearn, Mr. Trafford and Mr. Thomas are taking special interest in these subjects in Classes 1, 2 and 3, and in future elementary science will be taught in Class 4 in the latter part of the year. The teaching of book-keeping in Classes 1 and 2 and that of drawing throughout the school is being reorganised. Greater attention is being given to the teaching of reading and to dictation, especially in the lower classes, all of which now have an English teacher for these subjects. Anglo-Chinese masters in these classes do very good work in teaching such subjects as drawing, geography and arithmetic. In Chinese—although our percentage of passes in examinations has been equal to that of other schools, yet the results are not good. Mr. Hu, a trained teacher, has been put in charge of the Chinese and we hope there will be better results in future throughout the school. In history the Chinese boys in Classes 1 to 3 have always done Chinese as an alternative to history. We may make a change in this and let all boys do history right through the school.

In conversation more use could be made of object lessons and nature study. New text books have been introduced for reading, history and Scripture. This year we intend to introduce new books in science, nature study and composition.

EQUIPMENT.

The equipment of all schools in Hongkong is below the average in schools in England, Canada and America and is not generally equal to that of other schools in the Far East; I refer to schools which I have visited and by schools in the Far East I mean schools in Singapore, the Philippines, Canton, Shanghai, Peking and Japan, including Formosa. During the last few years it has been difficult to get equipment, but in 1920 we have added considerably to our science equipment. This year we are placing an order in England for general school equipment. We have started a regular system of displaying pictures, etc., of general interest and work done in the school on school and class notice boards.

Some of the excellent maps and drawings which you see on the boards to-day may quite well be used for school purposes; if we can get them suitably mounted. Scholars can help very much in adding to a school's equipment by making models, etc., for use in teaching geography, drawing, nature study and object lessons.

DISCIPLINE.

The Government Inspector adjudged the Discipline in the school as "Good."

This is very satisfactory when we think of the changes we have had in staff during the year.

EXAMINATIONS.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY. Nine boys have passed the Matriculation Examination and three were awarded Senior Certificates. In the Junior Examinations the results were excellent; 18 boys passed and we gained no less than 16 distinctions.

In the Oxford Preliminary Examination 21 boys passed out of 23 who took the examination and two honours were awarded.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Ho Kam Tong Scholarship is awarded to A. K. Prew. The Percy Scholarships are awarded to G. S. Zimmerman and A. E. Perry both of whom gained three distinctions in the Hongkong University Junior Examination.

The Chan Kai Ming and Arthur Scholarships are awarded to E. S.

Fincher and S. H. Kwok both of whom gained honours in the Oxford Preliminary Local Examination. We have no leaving Scholarships to the University.

HEALTH.

The health of the school has been very good, especially among the boarders.

Our best thanks are due to the medical and nursing staff of the Government Civil Hospital for much advice and kind interest in the school.

THANKS.

Our thanks are due to all those who have presented prizes, to the Committee for their increased interest in the school and to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Compton, who has worked hard in the interests of the school in what have been the most critical years in its history.

GAMES.

In football and volleyball we have had great enthusiasm; more boys are playing games. In football we have a very small team and therefore did not do well in the Senior League.

In December we began having physical drill for the whole school; formerly the boarders only had physical drill.

In swimming sports the entries were almost double the entries in 1919, in which year we decided to have no prizes for these sports.

BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

The Boy Scout movement could very well be encouraged in this and in other schools. At present owing to a certain clause in local Scout rules we cannot take part in the movement. We may start a troop privately if it is possible, and become affiliated to the general movement.

SCHOOL CHAPEL.

In November a room at the entrance to the school was set apart as a school chapel. This has been furnished by small subscriptions given by boys themselves with the help of a few friends. A school banner was bought in England and Mr. T. G. F. Fleming presented a beautiful professional cross. The boys have taken great interest in the services at St. Peter's Church during the year and a Services' Guild has been formed.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

An Old Boys' Association, is in process of formation. A list of one hundred and eighty names of boys living in Hongkong has been drawn up. We hope the association will be formed on February 1. Such an association has great possibilities.

GENERAL—STAFFING OF SCHOOLS.

The difficulties of staffing schools are world wide. In January 1919 there was a shortage of 30,000 teachers in England and the ordinary wastage was not filled up that year. In Scotland 6,000 teachers were required in January 1920. In New York State 1,000 schools were shut down from lack of staff in 1919. In the British Empire it is not so much the matter of salary as the lack of co-operation which causes the shortage in the Colonies. If a master leaves England now he loses all status in England, his time abroad does not count if he returns to England, say, after five or ten years abroad; he has no position with regard to preferment at home and he loses his claim to a pension.

If unified action were taken in the Colonies and a strong statement re the position of things sent home, some change in this matter would be effected. In an interview I had with the Director of Special Enquiries and Reports at the Education Department in London this course of action was advised. Secondly, local talent could with advantage be encouraged much more than it has been in the past. The Hongkong Government now has an arrangement under which the Government sends annually to Hongkong University a number of Chinese from Queen's College who desire to be trained as schoolmasters.

If, as in England, boys from all schools and if other than Chinese students could take advantage of this arrangement, it would be a great help to the Grant-in-Aid schools.

The training which elementary school teachers receive at the Technical Institute is very useful. If as has been proposed, this branch of the institute were closed there would gradually become a still greater shortage of trained elementary school teachers than there is at present. Teachers trained at the institute are very useful for elementary work in a school like this and in elementary schools.

With regard to untrained English teachers—they are most useful and do excellent work in elementary subjects. From a financial point of view no Government or school can afford a full staff of trained English teachers and there is not a sufficient supply of trained teachers. There are over 13,000 untrained supplementary teachers in elementary schools in England and a large number in secondary schools.

GENERAL—CONFERENCE OF HEAD-TEACHERS.

An Annual Conference of Head-Teachers with a duly appointed Sub-Committee would be very useful in Hongkong. At present I regret to say, there is great lack of co-operation in education. Such a conference or meeting of heads of schools was summoned by the Acting Director of Education in September and October 1919. It has not met since that time. A conference could link together the work of Government schools, Grant-in-Aid schools and private schools. It would be a great help to individual heads of

schools if such matters as the following were discussed in conference:—Local condition in education, general curriculum, the University syllabus, the connection between schools and University, change of school hours in the summer, the drawing up of a regular system of granting testimonials with e.g. a boy's photograph and signature attached. With regard to this last matter—such a system could prevent boys wandering from one school to another. In a school where the standard of English is high we often find boys, for example, who have been in Class 4 for three months going to another school and securing a place in Class 3 or even in Class 2. This practice is quite common and should and could be stopped by united action.

No educational system can work efficiently without regular co-operation amongst the various schools, and a conference summoned by the Education Department would be much more effective than one summoned by heads of schools.

STATEMENT RE NEW SCHOOL.

The Government offer \$204,865.00 for the present site and buildings. They also offer to grant 17.65 acres of land without premium, on a site adjoining Yau-mat Railway Station.

These terms are conditional upon its being established, to the satisfaction of the Government that the authorities of the Diocesan Boys' School are in a position to build a new school and to place the undertaking on a sound financial basis.

(Extract from letter from the Colonial Secretary, April 22, 1920.)

According to the "Grant Code" (Education) Section 50—"A Grant not exceeding one half of the actual cost may be made to build a new school." This refers to Classrooms, etc., not Dormitories.

The estimated cost of the buildings absolutely necessary at first, including Dormitories and excluding Chapel, is \$380,000.00. Of this amount the estimated cost Classrooms, etc., alone is about \$164,000.00.

According to Grant Code the Government will make a Grant of half this amount i.e. \$80,000.00.

Thus the position is as follows:—Government offer for site \$204,865 Amount of Grant expected as per Grant Code (about) 80,000

Total from Government \$284,865

Estimated cost of essential buildings \$380,000

Estimated cost of Equipment (Money or Gifts) about \$50,000 to 70,000

Total estimated cost, Building and Equipment (say) 450,000

Less Government Grant 285,000

Amount to be raised now for Buildings \$165,000

The terms offered by the Government are conditional upon "its being established that the authorities of the Diocesan Boys' School are in a position to place the undertaking on a sound financial basis."

Therefore in addition to the Amount to be raised for buildings \$165,000

The Committee have decided that they must try and raise an Endowment.

Fund of 100,000

That is the total sum required is 265,000

APPEAL.

The school has an excellent reputation for giving a sound practical education: its discipline and general moral tone are well known; it has done good work as an orphanage; as one of the oldest boarding schools in the Far East it has provided a means of education for boys of all kinds from all parts of the Far East. These facts present a very strong case for support.

The present situation of the school, the generally unsatisfactory condition of the buildings and the equipment, the lack of room for extension and for games and the fact that the scheme has been delayed by the exceptional circumstances of the past few years—all make the appeal urgent. A perfectly equipped school with an efficient staff, good boarding accommodation and playing fields cannot be maintained solely by school fees and Government grants. No special Government grant is given for boarders. Endowment Fund is essential. Therefore an appeal is made for money for an Endowment Fund in addition to the money required for buildings and equipment.

This appeal is made to all Old Boys, parents of Old Boys and of boys at present in the school, to the great business houses of this Colony who profit largely by the results of the labours of boys from a school like this, and to all men who have benefited from the old boarding and day schools at home which were built and heavily endowed by our ancestors—to all the appeal is made to help now in the buildings and the endowment of the New Diocesan Boys' School.

Following the reading of the report, the Bishop of Victoria congratulated the Headmaster and staff on the work done. He said everyone must feel that the report was a very live one, full of encouragement. He had very much pleasure in asking Lady Stubbs to distribute the prizes. (Applause.)

Lady Stubbs then distributed the prizes, as follows:

Class 1.—General, A. Prew; Scripture, Kaim Cheung Fai; English, D. F. Lopez; Mathematics, H. Hunt;

Science, M. Prew; Chinese, Kwok Chan; General, C. Y. Wong.

Class 2.—General, W. A. Young; Scripture, Chan Kam Hon; English, Yuen Kwok Huen; Mathematics, W. A. Young; Science, P. Pau; Chinese, Yuen Kwok Huen.

Class 3.—General, Wong Lau Yew; Scripture, Ma Hing Cheung; English, Liu Kwok Yee; Mathematics, Wong Lan Yew; Science, W. Barnes; Chinese, Ngai Lam Fu.

Class 4.—General, R. Leung; Scripture, A. Randall; Mathematics, L. Cowan.

Class 4B.—General, Lau Mo Yee; Mathematics, Wong Ying Yew; Scripture, Chan Ping In; Chinese, Lo Po Ye.

Class 5A.—General, A. Reed; Scripture, A. Black; Algebra, Lau Ting.

Class 5B.—General, Chan Hing Cheung; Scripture, Pun Yan Nam; Algebra, Yau Yik Hing; Chinese, Yuen Tat Cho.

Class 6A.—General, Davis Yung; Dictation, Norman Macay; Writing, Chau Kwok Wa.

Class 6B.—General, Li Hon Sang, Reading, Cecil Chan; Chinese, Yeung Yin Sin; Chinese, Ma Wai Chung.

Class 7A.—General, Stephen Reed; Dictation, Donald Anderson.

Class 7B.—General, Lau Sui Lum; Reading, Ho Kwai Hung; Chinese, Lau Sui Lin.

Class 8A.—General, A. H. Esmael; Writing, N. Stradmoor.

Class 8B.—General, Cheung Nam Sang; Reading, Cheung Nam Sang; Chinese, Henry Chan.

Class 8C.—General, Li Yi Ming; Reading, Robert Boyd; Chinese, Li Yin Ming.

Three of the boys then presented Lady Stubbs with a photograph of the school and two pieces of drawing, done by the boys. Lady Stubbs thanked the boys heartily for the gifts. They were a complete surprise, and she would value them very highly. She would like to congratulate the women teachers on the splendid way they carried on through the war. (Applause.) She also congratulated the boys and the school on the high number of certificates secured in the Oxford Local Examinations. (Applause.)

She had also a message from her husband, to say he hoped very much that the school would be able to form a Boy Scout Troop. Girl guides were being started and it would be a good thing for the Boy Scout movement to proceed alongside the girl guides. (Applause.)

The Bishop of Victoria said he was asked on behalf of the staff and the boys to express gratitude to Lady Stubbs for the encouragement of her presence. He would take the opportunity of saying how much the school owed to the thoroughgoing work of the Headmaster. All present must feel that there was a throbbing life in the school and that it was making a real contribution to the life of the community. (Applause.) Between efficiency in education and accommodation there was a close connection. He hoped Lady Stubbs might soon be invited to give away the prizes to the same school, but in a different building. (Applause.)

Mr. Compton, as treasurer of the school, introduced by the Bishop as one to whom the school owed a great deal, seconded the vote of thanks to Lady Stubbs. He remarked that the school could certainly go ahead if it were supported, although it necessarily required a good deal of support, its schemes being rather large. There was a great future in the Colony for boys who were properly educated. Education involved not only mind but body, so it was to be hoped that the school would soon be better accommodated, with ample playing fields, on the other side of the water.

The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation. The national anthem, and three cheers each for Lady Stubbs, the visitors and the Headmaster and staff, brought the proceedings to an end. Much favourable comment was expressed on the bearing of the boys and the standard of their work which was on exhibition.

KAMCHATKA.

UNEXPLORED COUNTRY.

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The reported acquisition by an American syndicate of 400,000 square miles in Siberia has rather puzzled the general public, and small wonder, for the man-in-the-street has no idea where the peninsula of Kamchatka is. It is largely an unexplored country, very little having been written about it, and still fewer pictures having been presented of it. That lends particular interest to an account of it by Mr. Harry Somerset Lister, F.R.G.S., in the Graphic.

He calls it "the most inaccessible spot in the world," but the account of its wealth which he presents, should soon remedy that fact. His arrival coincided with the overwhelming rush of the salmon from the Pacific to the turbid waters of the Kamchatka River. There are bears, wolves, foxes, and seals in abundance and, indeed, one of Mr. Lister's pictures shows Mr. Karshoonoff, the fur king of Kamchatka, sitting upon a collection of foxes and sables valued at \$20,000.

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PARIS CONFERENCE.

STILL SEEKING SOLUTION OF REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

ANOTHER EXPERT COMMITTEE.

PARIS, January 27.

The Allied ministers spent the day in individual conferences with a view to evolving a practical and satisfactory scheme as regards the reparations problem.

PARIS, January 28.

After a long afternoon sitting the conference decided to appoint a committee of experts to investigate certain aspects of the reparations question before the subject is finally dealt with. The committee will report to-morrow. Mr. Kengomori represents Japan on the committee.

"THE UTMOST FARTHING."

LONDON, January 27.

This afternoon's sitting of the conference produced speeches from Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand presenting the respective British and French views of the reparations question. Mr. Lloyd George dwelt on Britain's equal desire with the other Allies to make Germany pay the utmost farthing, but pointed out the uselessness of any attempt to expect more than circumstances enabled Germany to pay. M. Briand disagreed with the suggestion that the Boulogne conference reached a definite agreement as regards the extent and the manner of Germany's capacity to pay. The French desired the Reparations Commission to fix a total amount of the Allies' claim. Even if it produced an apparently extravagant total France could always make sacrifices.

NEAR EAST CONFERENCE.

LONDON, January 27.

Reuter learns that Turkey has signified her willingness to attend the Near East Conference to be held in London. A message from Athens states that the Premier, M. Rhyllia, will represent Greece at the conference. The invitation has created a very favourable impression in Constantinople.

VARYING CLAIMS.

PARIS, January 28.

At this afternoon's conference Mr. Lloyd George said that the Allies meant to stand together until reparations was made. He referred to the varying claims of Britain and France to the consideration of the former through bearing the greatest financial burdens during the war, and the latter owing to human losses for which it was absolutely admitted she had first claim on the German payments. The British Premier showed how Germany could pay easily enough within her own borders, but could not export her forests. If the Allies seized the railways and doubled the charges they would be paid in paper marks which were useless outside her frontiers.

GERMANY'S LIMIT.

Germany could only pay by exports. If her imports were restricted (?) too much she would be unable to find the necessary raw materials. He insisted that there was a margin beyond which Germany was unable to pay. He was willing to accept the agreement reached at Boulogne, Spa, and Brussels. Experts could be replaced and new proposals made but he strongly deprecated an adjournment because the Allies and the world urgently wanted a definite statement. Speedy settlement was more important than an ideal one. He regarded M. Doumer's scheme as morally justifiable but impracticable. The Allies must agree as to Germany's capacity and use all their authority to try to compel Germany to put herself in a position to pay. She was not doing so and her revenue did not approximate her expenditure. She was not imposing taxation to anything like the same extent as the Allies. The latter must see that Germany at least did so.

MORE CONFERENCES.

Experts could estimate Germany's present capacity but not her future capacity. He urged the fixing of the annuities now and reconsideration of the total liabilities at a later conference. The Belgian representatives to-day sought to find a British and French compromise but doubt was expressed if agreement could be reached by the week-end. Otherwise it is expected that a further conference of experts will be held at Brussels and a definite decision will be given on their report by an Allied conference in London in February.

FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION.

M. Briand, following, said that French public opinion could not accept a *a priori* argument that the Treaty was impossible of fulfilment. Experts said that the present was an unfortunate moment to fix the maximum reparation amount, but French opinion would accept that solution but was not prepared to abate its expectations to the limits of the Boulogne agreement without further proof of the facts. France favoured annuities for three or four years, but insisted that if Germany's prosperity increased France should share the results within the Treaty limits. He pointed out the difference between the 65 billion francs receivable by France under the Boulogne agreement and the 25 billion foreign debt which would not suffice to repair the devastated regions.

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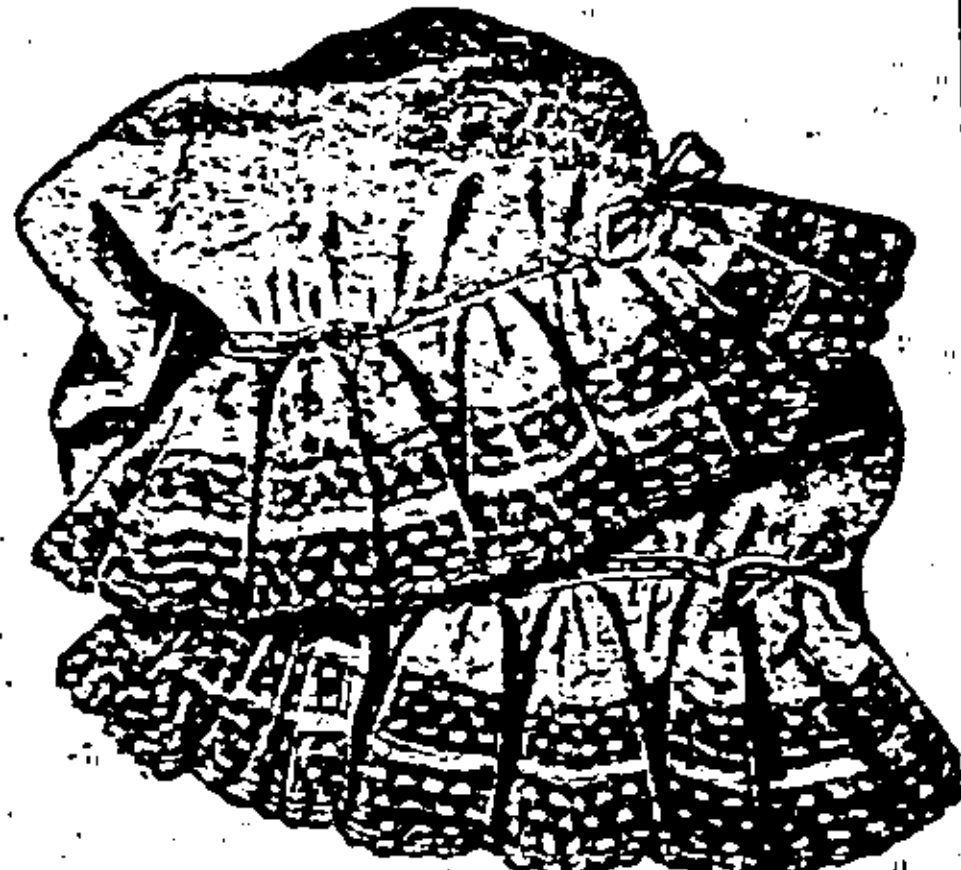
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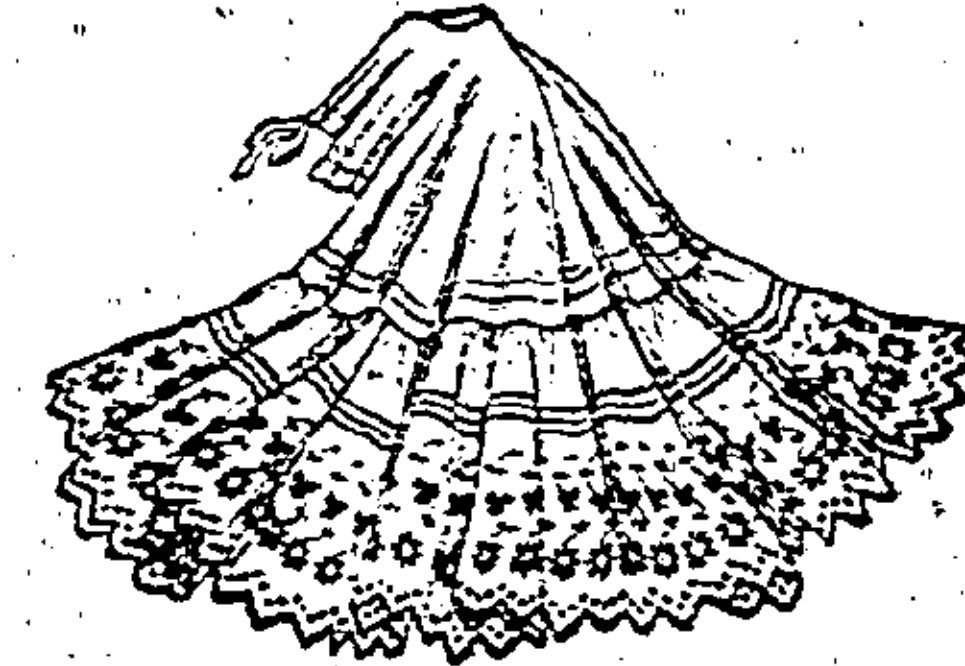
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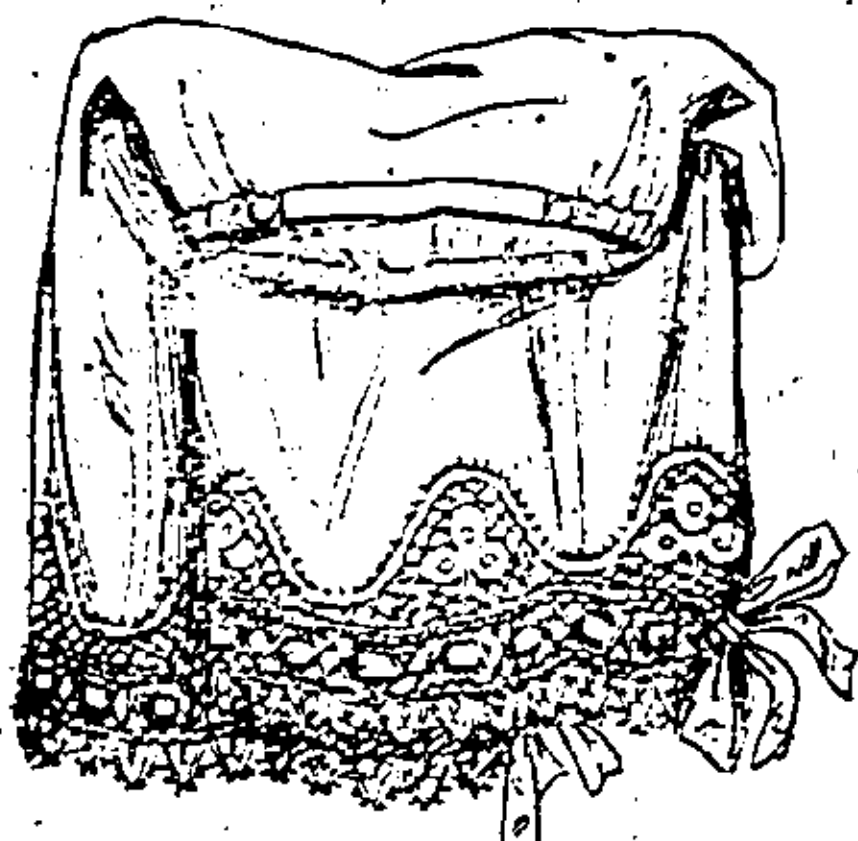
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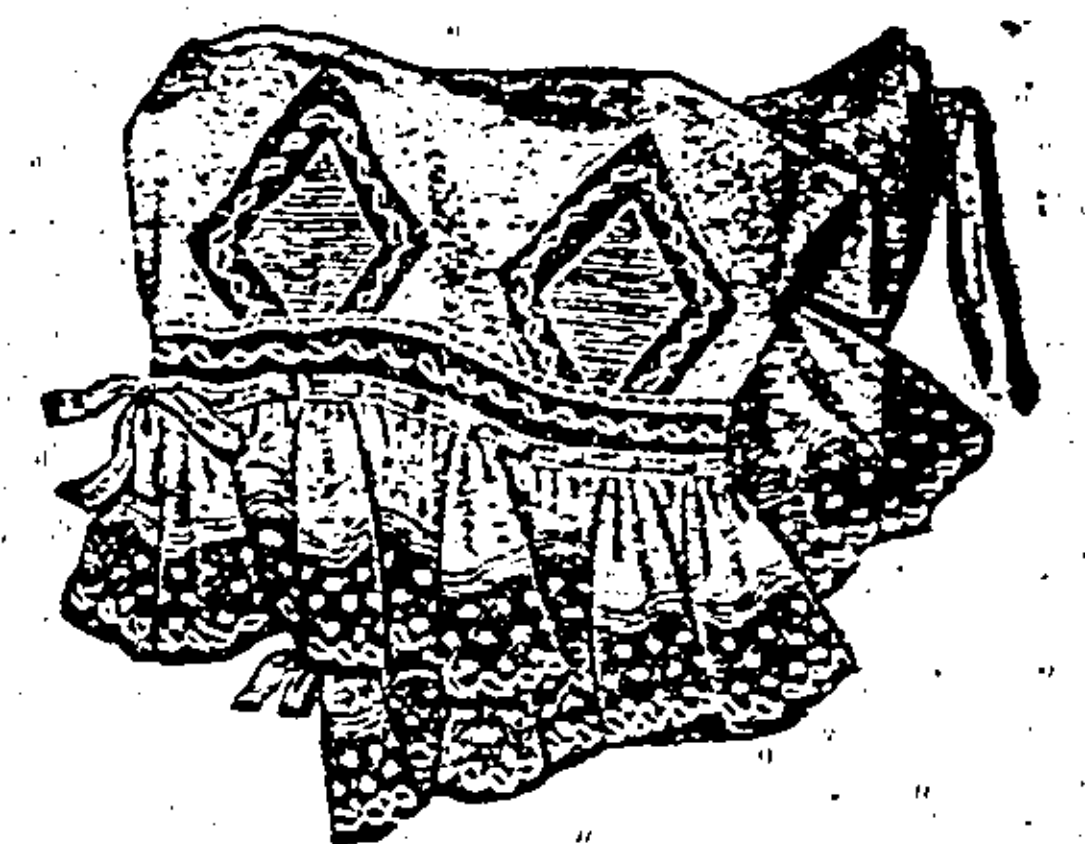
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COMPANY REPORTS.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO. LTD.

The report for presentation to shareholders at the thirty-fourth ordinary annual meeting to be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, February 4, 1921, at noon, is as follows:—
The Directors beg to submit to shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1920.

The profit on working was \$961,619.96 as compared with \$998,120.00 in 1919.
The net profit for the year after deducting directors' and Auditors' fees, and paying for repairs is \$864,631.71. The amount brought forward was \$186,906.23 making a total of \$1,051,537.94 available for appropriation.

The directors recommend the following:—

To pay a dividend of \$6 per share.....	\$ 480,000.00
bonus of \$2.50 per share.....	200,000.00
write off Launches.....	5,000.00
Lighters.....	9,450.00
Machinery and Plant.....	4,832.00
Kowloon Wharves.....	67,088.64
Railways and Rolling Stock.....	10,000.00
Buildings.....	25,000.00
carry forward to new account.....	250,167.30
	\$1,051,537.94

DIRECTORS.

The directors have to record with much regret the death of Mr. D. K. Moss. The vacancy was filled by Mr. D. M. Graham.

During the year Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, S. H. Dodwell and C. S. Gubbay resigned and their places were taken by Messrs. A. O. Lang, G. M. Dodwell, and A. S. Gubbay.

Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr and Mr. A. H. Compton retire according to the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 18, 1921.

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	
To Capital, as per last account.....	\$4,000,000.00
Equalisation of Dividend Fund.....	150,000.00
Sundry creditors.....	495,571.35
Unclaimed dividends.....	2,365.64
European Employees Provident Fund.....	105,017.68
Balance of Profit and Loss account.....	186,906.23
Brought forward from 1919.....	864,631.71
Nett Profit for 1920.....	1,051,537.94
	\$5,804,492.61

ASSETS.

By Kowloon Land.....	\$1,347,870.88
Kowloon Buildings as per last a/c.....	2,175,090.33
Less written off last year.....	25,000.00
Since expended.....	2,150,090.33
By Wharves at Kowloon as per last a/c.....	564,077.00
Less written off last year.....	64,077.00
Since expended.....	500,000.00
By Railways and Rolling Stock at Kowloon as per last a/c.....	32,000.00
Less written off last year.....	12,000.00
Launches as per last a/c.....	35,000.00
Less written off last year.....	8,000.00
Lighters as per last a/c.....	57,000.00
Less written off last year.....	27,000.00
Less sale of old lighters.....	30,000.00
By Machinery and Plant as per last a/c.....	34,720.00
Less written off last year.....	14,720.00
Less sale of old gear.....	168.00
Land and Buildings at West Point.....	19,832.00
By West Point Wharf as per last a/c.....	263,143.88
Less written off last year.....	3,000.00
Sundry debtors.....	1,000.00
By Loans repayable.....	254,961.31
Government 5% Exchequer Bonds (part of Provident Fund) at cost.....	450,000.00
Straits Settlements War Loan Bonds (part of Provident Fund) at cost.....	38,318.75
5% War Loan Bonds 1929/47 (part of Provident Fund) at cost.....	9,876.54
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	51,019.77
value of Coal on hand.....	58,732.55
value of Stores on hand.....	7,136.03
amount invested on Mortgage.....	22,739.82
6 Shares, Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd., at cost.....	310,000.00
	\$5,804,492.61

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1920.

DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
To Repairs.....	114,597.70	By Net earnings for 1920.....	961,619.96
To Directors' and Auditors' fees.....	11,000.00	By Interest.....	28,609.45
To Net Profit for 1920.....	864,631.71		
	\$ 990,229.41		\$ 990,229.41

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
C. P. CHATER, Directors.

W. S. Brown,
Secretary.

We certify that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion, the above sheet is properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Company. We have seen all the Securities.

F. MAITLAND,
H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., Auditors.

Hongkong January 18, 1921.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

The report of the Directors to be presented at the second ordinary yearly meeting of the Company to be held at the Company's Registered Office, No. 2, Queen's Road Central on Wednesday, February 2, 1921, is as follows:

The Directors have pleasure in submitting the profit and loss account for the year ending December 31, 1920, together with the balance sheet at that date.

ACCOUNTS.

The Profit for the year after deducting all expenses amounts to \$643,749.10 which your Directors propose to deal with as follows:—
To pay a dividend of 6% on the paid up Capital absorbing.....\$120,000.00
pay a bonus of 2% on the paid up Capital absorbing.....40,000.00
pay a bonus to Directors, Holders and Founder's Shares.....77,703.69
and Staff.....7,825.73
write off Organization Expenses, (Shanghai Branch).....30,000.00
write off Bank Premises Account.....2,554.36
transfer to the Staff Provident Fund.....300,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund.....65,655.32
carry forward.....\$643,749.10

DIRECTORS.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs. Fung Ping Shan, P. K. Kwok and Ng Chang Luk now retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, who retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

PONG WAI TING,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 15, 1921.

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 1920.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital:—20,000 shares of \$100 each fully paid.....	\$2,000,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	200,000.00
Current Deposits.....	\$2,988,313.43
Fixed Deposits.....	3,132,057.60
Savings Account.....	212,262.28
Agencies.....	6,332,633.22
Exchange Transactions Outstanding.....	836,103.16
Liabilities on account of customers as per contra.....	274,909.65
Profit and Loss Account.....	482,125.89
	\$43,749.10
Total.....	\$10,769,521.31

KAN TONG PO,

Chief Manager.

NG KA KUEN,

for Chief Accountant.

ASSETS.

Cash in Hand and at Bankers.....	\$2,050,420.87
Loans Receivable.....	1,967,300.56
Current Accounts overdrawn against Guarantee and Security.....	807,592.42
Bulk in stock and in Transmission.....	539,005.22
Bank Premises.....	490,138.88
Agencies.....	3,631,362.58
Bills Receivable.....	749,911.90
Payments in advance including rent and telegraph deposit.....	24,948.72
Furniture and Fittings.....	22,819.28
Stationery.....	3,894.99
Acceptances on account of Customers as per contra.....	482,125.89
Total.....	\$10,769,521.31

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920.

DEBIT.

To Salaries, Rent, Taxes, Charges, Depreciation of Furniture and Fixture, remuneration to Directors, etc.....	\$ 174,716.26
Balance.....	643,749.10
Total.....	\$ 818,465.36

CREDIT.

By Balance brought forward.....	\$ 5,724.64
Interest, Exchange, etc.....	812,740.72
Total.....	\$ 818,465.36

PONG WAI TING,
MOK CHING KONG, Directors.
LI KOON CHUN,

We beg to report that we have audited the foregoing Balance sheet at December 31, 1920, with the books and vouchers in Hongkong and with returns from the Shanghai Branch and the various agencies.

We have received all the information and explanations we have required and certify that in our opinion, the foregoing balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1920, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Auditors.

Hongkong, January 15, 1921.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO. LTD.

The Summary of the a/c for 1920 is as follows:—

The result of the year's working, subject to audit, is as follows:—	
Gross Profit (after charging depreciation).....	£ 94,083. 0.10
Less Loan Interest.....	7,787. 6. 9
Brought forward from 1919.....	£ 86,295.14. 1
	7,116. 70. 3
Less.....	£ 93,411.14. 4
Contingent Liability a/c.....	£ 50,000. 0.0
Interim dividend of 9d per share.....	12,187.10. 0
Balance.....	£ 31,224. 4. 4

The Directors now recommend a final dividend of 1s. 3d per share, amounting to £20,312.10, 0 (to be payable in April next at exchange of 3s. 2d.—39.47 cents per share) leaving £10,911.14. 4 to be carried forward.
January 27, 1921.

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We have just received a letter from the late Mr. William Baker, the Honorary Director of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, his last appeal on behalf of the children, written just before his death, in which he pleads the children's cause and asks that every child born into the world be given a fair chance—that they may in the near future help to move the world forward and upward. His last words are: "I

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BOLSHEVIK RUSSIA.

ENGLISHWOMAN'S VISIT.

BUSTS OF LENIN AND TROTSKY.

The Times is printing a series of articles from a lady who made a novel expedition to Russia. The lady's name is Mrs. Sheridan. She is the only daughter of Mr. Moreton Frewen (who at one time sat in the Unionist interest for an Irish constituency), and is the widow of Captain Wilfred Sheridan, who was killed in the war. What makes her visit to Russia more piquant is that she is a first cousin of Mr. Winston Churchill, who is in the habit of describing the "men in power at Moscow as ravening monsters revelling in a diet of human blood. Yet Mrs. Sheridan went to Moscow and came back safely, and is now occupied in telling the Times all about it. She left England in company with Mr. Kamenoff, the Russian emissary, who was charged by Mr. Lloyd George with breaking his promises and being guilty of all manner of duplicity. But Mrs. Sheridan appears to have trusted him, and she was so far justified that she got back to England safely. Her mission was, of all things, that of making busts of Lenin, Trotsky, Zinoviev, and Dzerzhinsky, all Bolsheviki leaders, and, to judge by the illustrations given, the busts are excellent pieces of work. To look at these striking faces, it would certainly not be imagined that they were representations of murderers whose hands are red with the blood of thousands of innocent men and women, as they are described in a passionate protest by Mr. Georgina H. Pollock against Mrs. Sheridan's visit. As to Bolshevism, Mrs. Sheridan says she is too humble to pretend she understands anything about it. She believes it has something to do with economics, and she cannot understand political economy now any more than she could understand arithmetic when she was a child. On the subject of Bolshevism and art, however, she makes some interesting remarks. There is a better collection of modern French pictures in Moscow than in any gallery in France, and it is open to the public several days a week. "The gallery," she says, "was full of proletarian visitors, and I wondered very much what they thought. We drifted into some art schools, where soldiers and sailors were working from life models, and the work they were doing was extremely good. The exhibitions of proletarian art are very interesting and deeply imbued with the modern movement. There are crude drawings that show an appreciation of form, and there is sculpture in wood that is often very effective and may lead to something good. Coming back from our wanderings we passed, in one of the squares, a statue of Gogol, the Russian writer. I thought it a very fine piece of work. Gogol, half wrapped in a cloak, looks down scrutinisingly bronze from his rough granite seat, and Andrei (her Bolsheviki conductor) laughed at me for liking it, and said in Moscow it was scorned and had brought coals of fire down on the artist's head. I was very surprised, and thought to myself the standard of Russian art must be very high; but, in spite of this ridicule, I stuck to my opinion. I even said that in London we had not a single statue as good as that one. Later he admitted that he was the author of it. The statues erected by the Bolsheviks are many of them very fine. There is one of Dostoevski, a beautiful piece of work carved out of granite." It is unnecessary to say that a love for art does not necessarily exclude a tendency to cruelty, but at least Mrs. Sheridan's testimony goes to support the evidence previously given that all the tremendous occurrences of the last year or two have not involved the art treasures of Petrograd or Moscow in destruction. Yet the destruction of art treasures was repeatedly affirmed in the propaganda printed in England and France during the earlier days of Soviet rule. Evidently the Bolsheviks are unlike the Puritans of the English Commonwealth, who destroyed so much that was beautiful in English architecture. Whether that is or is not a saying grace must be a matter of opinion.—*Japan Chronicle*.

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The high standard of purity maintained in the products of the Zinc Producers of Australia always justifies the confidence users put in it. Australian Zinc acts and re-acts with certainty.

The Association is prepared to supply the following:—

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Containing about 99.9% Metallic Zinc (99.9% guaranteed)

High-Grade Zinc Dust

Containing about 90% Metallic Zinc

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.	
Jan. 28.-C. N. Hanyang.	
29.-C. N. Changchow.	
30.-D. L. Hainan.	
31.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
1.-C. N. Shantung.	
2.-D. L. Hainan.	
3.-I. O. S. N. Kwongkong.	
4.-O. S. K. Soshu Maru.	

AMOI.	
Jan. 28.-D. L. Hainan.	
29.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
30.-D. L. Hainan.	
31.-O. S. K. Soshu Maru.	

FOOCHOW.	
Jan. 30.-D. L. Hainan.	
Feb. 1.-D. L. Hainan.	

SHANGHAI.	
Jan. 28.-I. O. S. N. Hainan.	
29.-C. N. Changchow.	
30.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
31.-C. N. Shantung.	
Feb. 1.-D. L. Hainan.	
2.-O. S. K. Soshu Maru.	
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9.-D. L. Hainan.	
10.-O. S. K. Soshu Maru.	

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.	
Feb. 2.-I. O. S. N. Hainan.	

PAKHAI AND HAIPHONG.	
Jan. 28.-O. N. Hainan.	

PUKOW.	
Feb. 1.-C. N. Hainan.	

TSINGTAO.	
Jan. 28.-O. N. Hainan.	

KEELUNG.	
Jan. 30.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	

TAKAO.	
Feb. 10.-O. S. K. Soshu Maru.	

SAIGON.	
Jan. 21.-M. M. Paul Locat.	
Feb. 2.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
3.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	

BANGKOK.	
Jan. 28.-C. N. Hainan.	
29.-O. N. Hainan.	
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31.-O. N. Hainan.	
Feb. 1.-O. N. Hainan.	
2.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	

SINGAPORE.	
Jan. 28.-C. N. Hainan.	
29.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
30.-C. M. S. China.	
31.-C. M. S. China.	
Feb. 1.-C. M. S. China.	

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.	
Jan. 28.-A. L. Amakusa Maru.	
Mar. 19.-C. M. S. China.	

MANILA.	
Jan. 28.-A. L. Amakusa Maru.	
Mar. 19.-C. M. S. China.	

IAYA PORTS, ETC.	
Feb. 2.-D. L. Hainan.	
11.-N. Y. K. (D. Co.) Amakusa Maru.	

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.	
Feb. 1.-I. O. S. N. Hainan.	
2.-N. Y. K. Amakusa Maru.	
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BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.	
Feb. 2.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
3.-P. & O. Dunera.	
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10.-N. Y. K. Amakusa Maru.	

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.	
Feb. 15.-N. Y. K. Amakusa Maru.	
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JAPAN PORTS.	
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VICTORIA.

Jan. 28.-N. Y. K. Amakusa Maru.	
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BEATTLE.

Jan. 28.-N. Y. K. Amakusa Maru.	
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TACOMA.

Feb. 7.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
10.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
25.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	

SAN FRANCISCO.

Feb. 1.-S. & D. West India.	
2.-T. K. K. Shinyo Maru.	
3.-D. L. Hainan.	
4.-T. K. K. Shinyo Maru.	
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LOS ANGELES.

Feb. 10.-L.A.P.N. West Hinton.	
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PORTLAND.

Feb. 7.-A. L. Amakusa Maru.	
Mar. 7.-A. L. Amakusa Maru.	
Apr. 4.-A. L. Amakusa Maru.	

VALPARAISO.

Via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, San Pedro, Balboa, Callao, Omallo, Arica & Iquique.	
Feb. 1.-T. K. K. Shinyo Maru.	
Mar. 12.-T. K. K. Shinyo Maru.	
Apr. 9.-T. K. K. Shinyo Maru.	
May 12.-T. K. K. Shinyo Maru.	

NEW YORK.

(Via Panama.)	
Feb. 2.-S. & D. West India.	
3.-A. L. Amakusa Maru.	
21.-D. L. Hainan.	
(Via Suez.)	
Jan. 23.-B. F. Amakusa Maru.	
23.-S. & D. West India.	
Feb. 13.-D. L. Hainan.	
Mar. 1.-B. F. Amakusa Maru.	

NEW ORLEANS.

Feb. 7.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	
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SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

(Via Singapore, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Santos and Mauritius.)	
Mar. 8.-O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.	

EUROPEAN PORTS.

GRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.	
Feb. 13.-L. T. Amakusa Maru.	
Mar. 8.-L. T. Amakusa Maru.	

MARSEILLES.

Jan. 31.-M. M. Paul Locat.	
Feb. 20.-M. M. Paul Locat.	

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

DECLARES DOMINION STATUS FOR IRELAND IMPOSSIBLE.
PEACE OFFERS DISTRUSTED.
PARIS, January 27.
De Valera is in France according to the *Oeuvre*, which publishes an interview with the Sinn Fein leader whom the interviewer addressed throughout as "Monsieur le President." De Valera is represented as saying that he returned because he was awaiting a real and definite peace but he distrusted Mr Lloyd George's peace offers. He said that Dominion status was impossible in Ireland as there was no comparison in the historic relationship between England and Ireland and the relations between England and the Dominions.

BIG AMERICAN BOND ISSUE.

New York, January 28.
The Pennsylvania Railroad has issued \$60,000,000 6 1/2 per cent. bonds, at 99 1/2 maturing in fifteen years. The issue is underwritten by the Kuhn-Loeb Associate companies.

JAPANESE IN CALIFORNIA.

WASHINGTON, January 28.
Mr. Colby has assured Senator Phelan that the State Department will not approve the Shidehara-Morris agreement until the Senate and other interested bodies have had an opportunity to advance arguments against it.

JAPAN'S RAILWAYS.

PROPOSED ELECTRIFICATION
BILL IN THE DIET.
TOKYO.
Among the bills to be introduced in the current session of the Imperial Diet by the Railway Department, the most important are those proposing the electrification of the State Railways, those mapping out a complete system of railways throughout the country, and those introducing amendments in the light railway law. According to the Tokyo *Nichi Nichi*, the Government plan for the future railway system comprises the construction of several hundred miles of new lines connecting all the important places of the Empire. The bill, when introduced in the Diet, is expected to elicit a pretty heated discussion; thinks the journal in view of the paramount importance of the plan as viewed from the standpoint of individual and local interest. The proposition for the electrification of State railways, laid down by the authorities, is due, according to the *Nichi Nichi*, to a conviction that no real development of railway service can be ensured without elec-

trification, in a country like Japan, where the output of coal is so greatly limited. The Government proposes to effect the amalgamation of all the hydro-electric concerns of the Empire so as to establish one great electric-current supply system. The plan seriously affects private electricity enterprises and naturally, will give rise to boisterous discussions in the Diet, says the journal.
The feature of the proposed amendment to the light railway law lies in the increase of the Government subsidies by some 2 per cent. According to the existing regulations, 5 per cent. of the constructive expenditure for light railway is subsidised. The new proposal is to increase the rate of the subsidies from 5 to 7 per cent, with a view to the encouragement of light railway enterprises, since pending the completion of the Government plan of railway expansion, the developments of local interests depend, in a large measure on the development of light railways. The journal thinks that the bill in question will be passed by the Diet without the least difficulty. It is a moot question, however, in the paper's opinion, whether the other bills contemplated by the Railway authorities will meet with ready support in the Diet under the existing financial circumstances.

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"MENTOR"	22nd Feb.	London, Amsterdam & Hamburg	
"TELESIA"	1st Mar.	Amsterdam, London, & Antwerp	
"HELENUS"	8th Mar.	London, Amsterdam & Hamburg	
"STENTOR"	11th Mar.	London, Amsterdam, & Antwerp	
LIVERPOOL SERVICE			
(Direct or via Continental Ports)			
"ANCHISES"	5th Feb.	Liverpool & Glasgow	
"KNIGHT TEMPLAR"	15th Feb.	Genoa, Havre & Liverpool	
"LYCAON"	18th Feb.	Marseilles & Liverpool	
"TITAN"	1st Mar.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow	
PACIFIC SERVICE			
(via Kobe and Yokohama)			
"PROTEILAUS"	1st Feb.	Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver	
"TEUCER"	17th Feb.		
"TALITHYBIUS"	10th Mar.		
NEW YORK SERVICE			
(via Suez or Panama)			
"AGAMEMNON"	28th January		
HOMEWARD PASSENGER SERVICE			
"ANCHISES"	5th Feb.	for Liverpool	
"MENTOR"	22nd Feb.	for London	
"TELESIA"	1st March	for London	
"STENTOR"	11th March	for London	
"IDOMENEUS"	12th April	for Liverpool	
"PYRRHUS"	3rd May	for London	
"ANCHISES"	21st June	for Liverpool	
"MENTOR"	5th July	for Liverpool	
"TELESIA"	19th July	for Liverpool	

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Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Tajima Maru	11 a.m.
Swatow and Straits	Changchow	11 a.m.
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Swatow, Shanghai and North China	Shuntien	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30.		
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Amakusa Maru	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haichow	9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 31.		
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Swatow, Shanghai and North China	Kwongsang	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.		
Swatow and Bangkok	Chengtu	8 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China	Chickling	11 a.m.
Shanghai, & North China	Dunera	11 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai & North China	Szechuen	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hailong	11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN	Namsang	1 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.		
Hohow and Haiphong	Loksang	9 a.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. Empress of Russia	Dalta	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.		
Shanghai and North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.		
Japan, Honolulu and SAN FRANCISCO	Keio Maru	11 a.m.

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MOTOR PROSECUTIONS.

SERVICE OF SUMMONS.

COURT DISCUSSES BETTER FACILITIES.

Magistrate Lindsell this morning heard the case in which Dr. S. Strahan was summoned for driving his car on the wrong side of the road in Queen's Road Central on January 10.
Mr. D. H. Blake, who appeared for the defence, said that he was prepared to enter a plea of "guilty" to a technical offence. He would like, however, to address the Court on certain points in the case. Dr. Strahan, had no recollection of the offence alleged against him. The summons was served on him three days after the offence was alleged to have been committed. Counsel suggested that that was rather a long lapse. Dr. Strahan was constantly driving his car, carefully, he thought, and could not reasonably be expected to remember everything he did three days past. According to the summons, the offence was supposed to have been committed in Queen's Road and Counsel took it that it must have been in the vicinity of the Hongkong Cricket Club pavilion. The Magistrate was doubtless aware, there was a rather awkward curve on the tram lines opposite the Club, and in making that curve, a car was bound to be more or less on the wrong side of the road. That was why he claimed the offence was a technical one.
Mr. Blake said that Dr. Strahan had communicated with the Automobile Association and he had been instructed to ask, with all due consideration to the work entailed, that summonses in future be issued as soon as possible after the offence had been committed. In this case, Dr. Strahan, had his office in the heart of the town, and yet it took three days to serve him with the summons.
The Magistrate said that he was inclined to agree that three days was too long a time. He had read the Association's letter to the C.S.F., and he thought the length of time asked for—24 hours—was too short for a place like Hongkong. Would the Association agree to 48 hours as the limit?
Mr. Blake said that the Association did not presume to dictate to the police, but they were only suggesting that it would considerably help the defence if summonses were served as soon as possible.
Inspector Garrod said that in this case the application for the summons was made on the 11th, the morning after the offence was alleged to have been committed. If there was any delay, it must have been on the part of the server.
The Magistrate said that was purely departmental matter and he did not wish to go into it.
Addressing Mr. Blake, the Magistrate said that he was prepared to undertake that all summonses would be issued within 48 hours in future. He did not think it would be possible to make it earlier, as a constable could not possibly apply to the Inspector for a summons before the next morning.
Mr. Blake said that he understood that in England summonses could be issued within 24 hours, but of course, he appreciated the difficulty here, and was prepared to agree that 48 hours was reasonable.
Inspector Garrod said that it had been his practice in the past, as soon as an application for a summons was made to him, to ring up the person concerned and inform him. He had discontinued this because on several occasions he had received very discourteous replies, such as "Can't you find anything better to do," and "There was an armed robbery last night; why don't you leave cars alone and attend to them?"
Mr. Blake said that if Inspector Garrod would revive that practice and communicate with the Association every time he received reply of the nature he complained of, he (Counsel) would undertake that the Association would take the matter up.
Inspector Garrod said that he would only be too glad to renew that practice on such an understanding.
The Magistrate said he thought it was a good practice, and should be revived. In this case, he would impose the usual fine of \$5.
OIL BURNING SHIPS.
LORD PIRRIE'S WARNING
ENDORSED.
A WRONG PRINCIPLE.
Sir James McKenchine, speaking at a luncheon at Barrow after the launching of the "Seminole," an oil-tanker built by Vickers for the Anglo-American Oil Co., agreed with Lord Pirrie that to burn oil under a ship's boilers was not only wasteful but wrong in principle. In view of the position of the world's oil supplies shipowners should go slow. The maximum efficiency was obtained from liquid fuel only by using it in internal combustion engines and the heavy-oil engine was bound sooner or later to play a large part in the expansion of the ocean-borne trade.

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